

DACARBAZINE (DTIC)

Type of Drug: Alkylating Agent

How is it Given?

- Intravenous (IV) - into a vein or central line

How Does it Work?

- Interferes with the growth of cancer cells

Common Side Effects:

- Nausea/Vomiting
- Low blood counts (3-4 weeks after treatment)
- Flu-like symptoms (fever, headache, aching joints)
- Pain or redness at injection site
- Sensitivity to sunlight

Less Common Side Effects:

- Mouth sores and taste changes
- Diarrhea
- Abnormal liver function tests
- Hair thinning/loss

Note:

- This medicine can be irritating to tissue if it leaks out into the vein. Tell the person giving the medicine if you feel any pain or burning while it is being given.
- Avoid direct exposure to sunlight – wear protective covering and apply sunscreen.