

MITOXANTRONE (Novantrone)

Type of Drug: Topoisomerase II inhibitor

How is it Given?

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

How Does it Work?

- Blocks an enzyme necessary for cancer cells to grow and multiply

Common Side Effects:

- Low blood counts
- Nausea/Vomiting
- Hair loss
- Urine turns a blue/green color lasting 1-2 days after treatment is finished (color of the drug)
- The white part of the eye (sclera) may temporarily turn blue/green

Less Common Side Effects:

- Mouth sores and taste changes
- Diarrhea
- Abnormal liver function tests
- Heart muscle damage

Note:

- Your heart will be tested before this medicine is given and then at certain times during and after your treatment. This is done to monitor how your heart is working.
- 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.