

# VINBLASTINE (Velban, VLB)

**Type of Drug:** Plant Alkaloid

**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:**

- Low blood counts
- Constipation
- Abdominal pain

**Less Common Side Effects:**

- Nausea/Vomiting (mild)
- Tingling, numbness, or muscle weakness of hands or feet, jaw pain, difficulty urinating (from nerve irritation)
- Mouth sores
- 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.