

VINCRISTINE (Oncovin)

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:

- Tingling, numbness, or muscle weakness of hands or feet from nerve irritation
- Jaw and joint pain
- Constipation
- Abdominal pain
- Difficulty urinating

Less Common Side Effects:

- Low blood counts
- Drooping of the eyelids
- 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.