

CISPLATIN ACCORD

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about using this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

1. Why am I using Cisplatin Accord?

Cisplatin Accord contains the active ingredient cisplatin. Cisplatin Accord is used for the treatment of ovarian cancer, cancer of the testes, cancer of the bladder, cancer of the head and neck.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using Cisplatin Accord?](#) in the full CMI.

2. What should I know before I use Cisplatin Accord?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to an any medicine containing cisplatin, carboplatin, other platinum-containing compounds, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

Talk to your doctor if you have any other medical conditions, take any other medicines, or are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I use Cisplatin Accord?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with Cisplatin Accord and affect how it works.

See Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

4. How do I use Cisplatin Accord?

Cisplatin Accord is an injection and will be given to you by your doctor or nurse.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How do I use Cisplatin Accord?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know while using Cisplatin Accord?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be sure to keep all your doctor's appointments.• You will have blood and other tests from time to time to check on your progress and detect any unwanted side effects.• Tell all the doctors, dentists, and pharmacists who are treating you that you are being given Cisplatin Accord.• If you are about to be started on any new medicine, tell your doctor or pharmacist that you are being given Cisplatin Accord.• If you plan to have surgery that needs a general anaesthetic, tell your doctor or dentist that you are being given Cisplatin Accord.• If you become pregnant while taking this medicine, tell your doctor immediately
Driving or using machines	Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how Cisplatin Accord affects you. This medicine may cause dizziness, light-headedness or problems with movement in some people. If you have any of these symptoms, do not drive, operate machinery or do anything else that could be dangerous. Be careful when drinking alcohol while you are taking this medicine. If you drink alcohol dizziness or light-headedness may be worse.

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while using Cisplatin Accord?](#) in the full CMI.

6. Are there any side effects?

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need immediate medical attention.

For more information, including what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

CISPLATIN ACCORD

Active ingredient: *cisplatin*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using Cisplatin Accord. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using Cisplatin Accord.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I using Cisplatin Accord?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I use Cisplatin Accord?](#)
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1. Why am I using Cisplatin Accord?

Cisplatin Accord contains the active ingredient cisplatin. Cisplatin belongs to a group of anticancer medicines known as the platinum complexes. Cisplatin works by preventing the growth of cancer cells and eventually destroying them.

Cisplatin Accord is used for the treatment of:

- ovarian cancer
- cancer of the testes
- cancer of the bladder
- cancer of the head and neck

Your doctor, however, may prescribe Cisplatin Accord for another purpose.

2. What should I know before I use Cisplatin Accord?

Warnings

Do not use Cisplatin Accord if:

- you are allergic to cisplatin, carboplatin, other medicines containing platinum or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine
- you have kidney disorders
- you have impaired hearing
- you have a low blood count.

Check with your doctor if you have or have had:

- allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes
- kidney disease or poor kidney function
- a low blood count, abnormal or heavy bleeding

- hearing problems
- any sort of infection (e.g. sinusitis), tooth abscess, etc.
- abnormal or heavy bleeding
- bleeding gums
- unusual tiredness
- severe nausea and vomiting
- numbness or weakness of the arms and legs
- dizziness or being light-headed, especially on standing up
- problems with your sight
- fits
- liver disease
- muscle weakness
- low magnesium or calcium levels
- any sort of infection, particularly herpes zoster infections (also known as shingles), chicken pox (now or recently), or if you have been in recent contact with someone who has chicken pox
- a problem with blood clots forming in your blood vessels, such as painful inflammation of the veins (thrombophlebitis) or blockage of blood vessels in the legs (deep vein thrombosis or DVT), or lungs (pulmonary embolism)

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them.

See additional information under Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#)

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant. It may affect your developing baby if you are given it during pregnancy.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.

As with many medicines, Cisplatin Accord may harm your developing or breastfeeding baby.

Females: Birth control should be used during treatment with cisplatin and for at least 7 months after you stop treatment. You must tell your doctor immediately if you think you are pregnant.

Males: Tell your doctor or pharmacist if your partner intends to become pregnant while you are being give cisplatin, or shortly after you have stopped treatment.

It is recommended that you use effective contraception while you are using cisplatin and for at least 4 months after you stop treatment. Cisplatin may have a prolonged effect on fertility in males and females. Your doctor should discuss this issue with you before you begin therapy with cisplatin.

Cisplatin can affect fertility in males and females. Your doctor should discuss preserving fertility with you and your partner before beginning therapy with cisplatin.

Do not breast-feed if you are using this medicine.

The active ingredient in Cisplatin Accord passes into breast milk and there is a possibility that your baby may be affected. As the possible harmful effects to the infant are not known, breastfeeding is not recommended while you are receiving cisplatin.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines and Cisplatin Accord may interfere with each other.

- antibiotics, such as aminoglycoside antibiotics, used to treat infection
- amphotericin B, used to treat fungal infections
- other anticancer drugs, such as paclitaxel and ifosfamide
- fluid tablets, such as frusdemide, used to treat fluid build up
- lithium, used to treat bipolar disorder or schizophrenia
- anticonvulsants, used to treat seizures
- aspirin or anticoagulants, used to prevent blood clots
- antigout medicines, used to prevent or treat gout

Do not have any immunisations (vaccinations) without your doctor's approval while you are being treated with cisplatin.

Cisplatin may lower your body's resistance and there is a chance you may get the infection the immunisation is meant to prevent. In addition, other persons living in your household should not have any immunisations until they check with a doctor since there is a chance they could pass the infection the immunisation is meant to prevent to you.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect Cisplatin Accord.

4. How do I use Cisplatin Accord?

How much to use

Cisplatin Accord should only be administered by trained professionals, with appropriate handling, in a hospital or clinic environment.

Cisplatin Accord is for single use in one patient only. Any unused residue should be discarded.

Cisplatin Accord may be given as a single intravenous infusion or slow intravenous infusion.

Your doctor will decide what dose you will receive. This depends on your condition and other factors, such as your weight, age, blood tests, how well your kidneys, liver and ears are working, and whether other medicines are being given at the same time.

Several cycles of cisplatin therapy may be needed, depending on your response to treatment.

Treatment cycles may be repeated every three or four weeks. You will be treated in the clinic under close supervision of medical and nursing staff.

Additional fluid is given before and after your dose of cisplatin. This is to make sure that you do not lose too much water and cause problems with your kidneys.

When to use Cisplatin Accord

It is very important that you continue to receive Cisplatin Accord for as long as your doctor prescribes it. Be sure to keep all your doctor's appointments.

If you use too much Cisplatin Accord

It is very unlikely that you will receive an overdose of Cisplatin Accord because a trained nurse or doctor will give it. If you think that you have been given too much Cisplatin Accord, you may need urgent medical attention.

You should immediately:

- phone the Poisons Information Centre (**by calling 13 11 26**), or
- contact your doctor, or
- go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital.

You should do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

5. What should I know while using Cisplatin Accord?

Things you should do

- Be sure to keep all your doctor's appointments.
- If you are about to be started on any new medicine, remind your doctor and/or pharmacist that you are being given Cisplatin.
- You will have blood and other tests from time to time to check on your progress and detect any unwanted side effects.
- Tell all the doctors, dentists, and pharmacists who are treating you that you are being given Cisplatin Accord.
- If you are about to be started on any new medicine, tell your doctor or pharmacist that you are being given Cisplatin Accord.
- If you plan to have surgery that needs a general anaesthetic, tell your doctor or dentist that you are being given Cisplatin Accord.
- If you become pregnant while taking this medicine, tell your doctor immediately

While you are being treated with cisplatin your doctor will monitor your condition and take blood for tests prior to each treatment cycle. Blood tests are carried out as cisplatin affects the body's ability to produce blood cells. Three types of blood cells are checked before each treatment:

- platelets, involved with the control of bleeding,
- white blood cells, involved with fighting infection and
- red blood cells, involved in moving oxygen around the body.

Low red cell counts may indicate that you may require a blood transfusion, or your next dose of cisplatin may be delayed or varied.

Take the following precautions to reduce your risk of infection or bleeding:

- Avoid people with infections.
Check with your doctor immediately if you think you are getting an infection, or if you get a fever or chills, cough or hoarseness, lower back or side pain, or find it painful or difficult to urinate.
- Check with your doctor immediately if you notice any unusual bleeding or bruising, black stools, blood in urine or stools or pinpoint red spots on your skin.
- Be careful when using a regular toothbrush, dental floss or toothpick. Your doctor or nurse may recommend other ways to clean your teeth and gums. Check with your doctor before having any dental work done.
- Be careful not to cut yourself when you are using sharp objects such as a safety razor or nail cutters.
- Avoid contact sports or other situations where you may get bruised or injured.

Blood and urine tests are taken to check how well your kidneys are functioning. Your dosage of cisplatin may be delayed or varied depending on your kidney function.

Driving or using machines

Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how Cisplatin Accord affects you.

This medicine may cause dizziness, light-headedness or problems with movement in some people. If you have any of these symptoms, do not drive, operate machinery or do anything else that could be dangerous.

Be careful when drinking alcohol while you are taking this medicine. Alcohol and aspirin should be avoided because of the risk of gastrointestinal bleeding.

If you drink alcohol dizziness or light-headedness may be worse.

Looking after your medicine

The hospital will store Cisplatin Accord under the correct conditions.

Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

Your doctor or pharmacist will dispose of any Cisplatin Accord that may be left over.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date.

6. Are there any side effects?

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

See the information below and, if you need to, ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any further questions about side effects.

If you are over 65 years of age you may have an increased chance of getting side effects.

Common side effects

Common side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nausea • vomiting • pain or redness at site of injection • hair loss, especially of the scalp • tiredness 	<p>Speak to your doctor if you have any of these common side effects and they worry you</p>

Temporary loss of hair, particularly on the scalp is a less common but upsetting side effect of cisplatin and occurs in a small number of patients (about 2 patients per 100 treated). The severity of hair loss will depend on the dose of cisplatin given. It is more common when other anticancer medicines are used together with cisplatin.

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<p>Stomach related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nausea • vomiting • diarrhoea • constipation <p>Ears, eyes and mouth related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mouth ulcers • eye pain • hearing loss • ringing in the ears <p>Musculoskeletal related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • muscle spasms, weakness, aches or pains • bursts of pain that run down the back into the arms and legs <p>Skin related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • abnormal paleness, or lack of colour of the skin 	<p>Call your doctor as soon as possible</p>

Very Serious side effects

Very Serious side effects	What to do
<p>Allergic reactions Symptoms of allergic reactions may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • flushing • swelling of the face, lips and tongue • wheezing, shortness of breath • rash • dizziness or feeling light-headed <p>Heart related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fast heartbeat, or irregular heartbeat • tightness or pain of the chest, neck, back and arms 	<p>Call your doctor immediately or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital</p>

Very Serious side effects	What to do
<p>Eye and mouth related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • blurred vision • changes in colour or blindness • bleeding, unusual bruising • bleeding gums • loss of taste • sore throat • slurred speech <p>Musculoskeletal related</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • problems with movement or reduced reflexes, and leg weakness • shaking or tremors, foot spasms • muscle cramps or twitching • paralysis or numbness of the face, arm or leg, tingling or a loss of sensation in the hands or feet <p>Stomach related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • severe nausea • vomiting <p>Kidney related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced urination • blood in the urine or stools, or pinpoint red spots • reduced urination • dark urine <p>Whole body related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sweats or feeling generally unwell • decreased or loss of consciousness • yellowing of the skin, eyes or mouth • Loss of appetite, weight loss • memory loss 	<p>Call your doctor immediately or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital</p>

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that may be making you feel unwell.

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects you experience, you can report side effects to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

Always make sure you speak to your doctor or pharmacist before you decide to stop taking any of your medicines.

7. Product details

This medicine is only available with a doctor's prescription.

What Cisplatin Accord contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	cisplatin
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	Sodium chloride Sodium hydroxide Hydrochloric acid water for injections

Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.

Cisplatin Accord does not contain gluten, sucrose, lactose, tartrazine or any other azo dyes.

Cisplatin Accord is not addictive.

What Cisplatin Accord looks like

Cisplatin Accord is a clear colourless to pale yellow solution supplied in a vial in single packs.

(10 mg/10 mL: AUST R 286790, 25 mg/25 mL: AUST R 286793, 50 mg/50 mL: AUST R 286786, 100 mg/100 mL AUST R 286791).

Who distributes Cisplatin Accord

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