

Gemcitabine intravesical system (Inlexzo)

About This Medicine

GEMCITABINE (jem SYE ta been) treats bladder cancer. It works by slowing down and stopping the growth of cancer cells. It is given in your bladder through a catheter (tube).

This medicine may be used for other purposes; ask your care team if you have any questions.

Possible Side Effects

- Decrease in the number of white blood cells and red blood cells. This may raise your risk of infection and make you feel more tired and weak.
- Electrolyte changes
- Changes in your pancreas function
- Changes in your liver function
- Changes in your kidney function
- Urinary tract infection
- Blood in your urine
- Painful or trouble urinating, sudden strong urge to urinate, or feeling like you need to pass urine more often than usual
- Inflammation (swelling) of your bladder

Note: Each of the side effects above was reported in 15% or greater of people treated with gemcitabine intravesical system. All possible side effects are not included. Your side effects may be different depending on your cancer diagnosis, condition, or if you are receiving other medicines in combination. Please discuss any concerns or questions with your care team.

Warnings and Precautions

- Delaying cystectomy (removal of the bladder) in some people with bladder cancer can increase the risk of developing invasive or metastatic bladder cancer. Discuss this risk with your care team.

Note: Some of the side effects above are very rare. If you have concerns and/or questions, please discuss them with your care team.

Important Information

- Do not empty your bladder right before your treatment procedure.
- After your treatment, drink 6 to 7 cups (1500 mL) of fluids per day to make sure you make enough urine for the medicine to be released into your bladder.
- Avoid contact of urine with your skin during treatment and for at least 24 hours after your treatment.
- You should urinate in a seated position in order to decrease splashing of urine. Flush the toilet after use. Wash your hands, inner thighs and genital area with soap and water after each time you urinate.
- Your caretakers should not handle your urine with bare hands and should wear latex gloves.
- Wash laundry that comes in contact with your urine separately, right away. This includes clothing, sheets, and towels.
- You will be given an Inlexzo Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Safety Information Card that contains important information in case you need to have an MRI. Show this card to anyone who treats you.

Treating Side Effects

- Manage tiredness by pacing your activities for the day.
- Be sure to include periods of rest between energy-draining activities.
- To decrease the risk of infection, wash your hands regularly.
- Avoid close contact with people who have a cold, the flu, or other infections.
- Take your temperature as your care team tells you, and whenever you feel like you may have a fever.

Food and Medicine Interactions

- There are no known interactions of gemcitabine intravesical system with food.
- This medicine may interact with other medicines. Tell your care team about all the prescription and over-the-counter medicines and dietary supplements (vitamins, minerals, herbs, and others) that you are taking at this time. Also, check with your care team before starting any new prescription or over-the-counter medicines, or dietary supplements to make sure that there are no interactions.

When to Call Your Care Team

Call your care team if you have any of these symptoms and/or any new or unusual symptoms:

- Fever of 100.4° F (38° C) or higher
- Chills
- Tiredness that interferes with your daily activities
- Feeling dizzy or lightheaded
- Pain when passing urine, blood in urine
- Passing urine more often, sudden strong urge to urinate



- Decreased or very dark urine
- Signs of severe low sodium levels: confusion, agitation, feeling that your heart is beating fast, passing out, seizure and/or coma
- Signs of possible liver problems: dark urine, pale bowel movements, pain in your abdomen, feeling very tired and weak, unusual itching, or yellowing of the eyes or skin
- Signs of a urinary tract infection such as burning or pain when you pass urine, trouble urinating, smelly and/or cloudy urine, pain in your lower abdomen or lower/side of your back.

Reproduction Warnings

- **Pregnancy warning:** This medicine can cause serious birth defects. If you can become pregnant, use birth control while taking this medicine and for 6 months after the last dose. If you can get your partner pregnant, use birth control while taking this medicine and for 3 months after the last dose. Tell your care team right away if you think you might be pregnant or think your partner might be pregnant.
- **Breastfeeding warning:** Do not breastfeed while taking this medicine and for at least 1 week after the last dose.
- **Fertility warning:** This medicine may affect your ability to have children in the future. If you plan to have children, talk with your care team.

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