

Drug Information Sheet("Kusuri-no-Shiori")

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The information on this sheet is based on approvals granted by the Japanese regulatory authority. Approval details may vary by country. Medicines have adverse reactions (risks) as well as efficacies (benefits). It is important to minimize adverse reactions and maximize efficacy. To obtain a better therapeutic response, patients should understand their medication and cooperate with the treatment.

Brand name:Alkeran Tablets 2mg

Active ingredient:Melphalan

Dosage form:white tablet, diameter: 6.5 mm, thickness: 3.5 mm

Print on wrapping:



Effects of this medicine

This medicine inhibits DNA synthesis of abnormal cells to suppress their growth.

It is usually used to improve subjective symptoms such as lumbar pain and general malaise, anemia, thrombocytopenia and renal disorder associated with multiple myeloma.

Before using this medicine, be sure to tell your doctor and pharmacist

- If you have previously experienced any allergic reactions (itch, rash, etc.) to any medicines.
If you have: leucopenia, thrombocytopenia, infections, uremia or renal disorder.
If you are receiving radiation therapy.
- If you are pregnant or breastfeeding.
- If you are taking any other medicinal products. (Some medicines may interact to enhance or diminish medicinal effects. Beware of over-the-counter medicines and dietary supplements as well as other prescription medicines.)

Dosing schedule (How to take this medicine)

- Your dosing schedule prescribed by your doctor is<< to be written by a healthcare professional>>
- In general, take 1 to 2 tablets (2 to 4 mg of the active ingredient) at a time, once daily, on consecutive days. You may also be instructed to take 3 to 5 tablets (6 to 10 mg of the active ingredient) at a time, once daily, for 4 to 10 consecutive days (total dosage 20 to 30 tablets [40 to 60 mg of the active ingredient]), then interrupt the medication (for 2 to 6 weeks in general) and take 1 tablet (2 mg of the active ingredient) daily, on consecutive days. In another dosing schedule, you may be instructed to take 3 to 6 tablets (6 to 12 mg of the active ingredient) at a time, once daily, for 4 to 10 consecutive days (total dosage 20 to 30 tablets [40 to 60 mg of the active ingredient]), then interrupt the medication (for 2 to 6 weeks in general) and repeat this schedule. You will undergo repeat blood tests while receiving the treatment and the dosage may be adjusted or treatment may be interrupted according to the results. Strictly follow the instructions.
- If you miss a dose, take a dose as soon as possible. However, if it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and continue your regular dosing schedule. You should never take two doses at one time.
- If you accidentally take more than your prescribed dose, consult with your doctor or pharmacist.
- Do not stop taking this medicine unless your doctor instructs you to do so.

Precautions while taking this medicine

Possible adverse reactions to this medicine

The most commonly reported adverse reactions include loss of appetite, nausea and vomiting. If any of these symptoms occur, consult with your doctor or pharmacist.

The symptoms described below are rarely seen as initial symptoms of the adverse reactions indicated in brackets. If any of these symptoms occur, stop taking this medicine and see your doctor immediately.

- general malaise, sore throat, nasal bleeding [bone marrow depression]
- facial pallor, breathing difficulty, hives [shock, anaphylactoid symptoms]
- loss of appetite, nausea, yellowing in skin and conjunctiva [serious hepatic dysfunction, jaundice]
- fever, dry cough, breathing difficulty [[interstitial pneumonia, pulmonary fibrosis]
- fatigability, palpitation, fever [hemolytic anemia]

The above symptoms do not describe all the adverse reactions to this medicine. Consult with your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any symptoms of concern other than those listed above.

Storage conditions and other information

- Keep out of the reach of children. Store in the refrigerator, etc. and away from light and moisture.
- Discard the remainder. Do not store them. Ask the pharmacist or medical institution how to discard them.

For healthcare professional use only / /

For further information, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.