

Mitoxantrone/Novantrone

Potential Side Effects:

- Loss of appetite, nausea and/or vomiting usually develops shortly after the drug is administered and usually last less than 24 hours. You will be given medication to prevent this during treatment and sent home with prescriptions. Take medications directed for best result. If medication is ineffective, call the office – 474-9143.
- Mouth sores/ulcers can begin about 7-10 days after treatment.
- Temporary hair loss can occur. It will grow back.
- Decrease the blood cells produced in the bone marrow. This can lead to
 - 1) Decreased white cells, which would make you more vulnerable to infection. Measure your temperature twice daily and call me if it rises above 100.5.
 - 2) Lower number of red cells, which can give you symptoms of shortness of breath, weakness and fatigue.
 - 3) Lower platelet counts, which can result in easy bruising or bleeding for a longer time.
- Congestive Heart failure/weakened heart muscle; making you feel short of breath. The chances of developing heart failure are not common. Your heart function will be monitored. Tell your doctor if you become short of breath.
- Due to the blue color of Mitoxantrone your urine may change to green color for a day after being given the drug, but this is harmless. Similarly, the whites of the eyes may appear blue for a short time after Mitoxantrone treatments.