

Carboplatin

Other names: Paraplatin JM-8.

What is it?

A medicine that inhibits cell division (cytostatic drug).

What does it look like and how is it given?

A clear liquid that is administered as an infusion into a vein (intravenous), over 30 minutes to 24 hours (depending on the protocol).

Short-term side effects (within 24 hours)

Nausea and vomiting

Long-term side effects

- Hair loss
- Decrease in the number of white blood cells and particularly platelets (2 to 4 weeks after administration)
- Kidney damage
- Hearing loss
- Irritation of the neural pathways, resulting in numbness or a tingling sensation in the fingers and toes

Special instructions

Warn the doctor if you notice any changes in your child's hearing, or if your child complains about a ringing in its ears (tinnitus).

Specifics

- This medicine could cause kidney damage. The volume of fluid consumed and excreted will be tracked before, during, and after the administration. Blood and urine will be sampled regularly to check the functioning of the kidneys.
- This medicine could cause hearing loss. A hearing test will be conducted regularly to monitor this.

This card lists the most common side effects and specifics of this medicine. If you want a complete list, please ask the doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.