

Ifosfamide

Other name: Holoxan.

What is it and how does it work?

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 1 or 24 hours (depending on the protocol).

Short-term side effects (within 24 hours)

Nausea and vomiting

Long-term side effects

- Decrease in the number of red and white blood cells and platelets (7 to 14 days after administration)
- Hair loss
- Inflammation of the bladder with bloody urine

Special instructions

- Ensure that your child drinks enough and urinates regularly to prevent irritation of the bladder.
- Warn the doctor or nurse if your child complains of pain when urinating and/or if you notice blood in its urine.

 Warn the doctor or nurse if your child becomes restless or disorientated.

Specifics

Your child will receive Mesna (Uromitexan) before and after the administration of this medicine, to protect the bladder.