

## CARBACCORD 10 mg/mL

Carboplatin

### Consumer Medicine Information

#### What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about CARBACCORD.

It does not contain all the available information. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor has weighed the risks of treating you with CARBACCORD against the expected benefits it will have for you.

**Ask your doctor if you have any concerns about being treated with this medicine.**  
**Keep this leaflet.**

You may need to read it again.

#### What CARBACCORD are used for

CARBACCORD belong to a group of anticancer medicines known as platinum complexes. Carboplatin works by preventing the growth of cancer cells and eventually destroying them. It is used for cancer of the ovary.

**Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why CARBACCORD has been prescribed for you.**

Your doctor may have prescribed it for another purpose.

This medicine is available only with a doctor's prescription.

#### Before you are given CARBACCORD

**When CARBACCORD must not be given**

CARBACCORD must not be given if :

- You have an allergy to Carboplatin, cisplatin or other medicines containing platinum.
- you have kidney disease or poor kidney function
- you have a low blood count

**Do not use this medicine if you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant.**

It may affect your developing baby if you take it during pregnancy.

**Do not breast feed if you are using this medicine.**

**If you are not sure you should be given Carboplatin, talk to your doctor.**

#### Before treatment with CARBACCORD

**Tell your doctor if you have allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes.**

**Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.**

**Tell your doctor if you are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed.**

**Tell your doctor if you have or have had any of the following medical conditions:**

- any sort of infection e.g. sinusitis, tooth abscess, etc
- abnormal or heavy bleeding
- bleeding gums
- unusual tiredness
- poor kidney function
- problems with hearing.

**Tell your doctor if you are going to be vaccinated (have an injection to prevent a certain disease).**

**If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell him/her before you are given Carboplatin.**

#### Taking other medicines

**Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines, including medicines that you buy without a prescription from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.**

Some medicines and CARBACCORD may interfere with each other. These include:

- Other Anticancer drugs
- Drugs that affect the kidneys such as some antibiotics
- Some vaccinations (injections to prevent you getting a certain disease)

You may need different amounts of your medicines or you may need to take different medicines. Your doctor will advise you.

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## How CARBACCORD is given

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CARBACCORD is given by slow injection into a vein. It must only be given by a doctor or a nurse.

Your doctor will decide what dose, how often and how long you will receive it.

This depends on your condition and other factors, such as your weight, age, blood tests, how well your kidneys are working and whether or not other medicines are being given at the same time.

### *If you are given too much (overdose)*

Overdose is unlikely as treatment is given in hospital under the supervision of a doctor.

However, if you are given too much Carboplatin, you may experience some of the effects listed under "Side Effects" below.

### **Ask your doctor if you have any concerns.**

Your doctor has information on how to recognize and treat an overdose.

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## While you are using CARBACCORD

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### **Things you must do**

#### **Keep all appointments with your doctor so that your progress can be checked.**

You will also have blood tests to check for side effects.

#### **Tell any other doctors, dentists and pharmacists who treat you that you are using this medicine.**

#### **If you become pregnant while using this medicine, tell your doctor immediately.**

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## Side effects

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### **Tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are using Carboplatin Injection.**

Like other medicines, Carboplatin can cause some side effects. If they occur, most are likely to be minor or temporary. However, some may be serious and need medical attention.

### **Tell your doctor immediately if you get any of the following side effects:**

- fever and chills, sore throat, sweats or feel generally unwell
- wheezing or shortness of breath during administration
- pain and redness at site of injection
- bleeding, unusual bruising, bleeding gums, blood in the urine or stools, or pinpoint red spots
- rash, fever or itching
- hearing loss or ringing in the ears (tinnitus)
- tingling or a loss of sensation in the fingers or toes
- blurred vision
- mouth ulcers
- nausea, vomiting
- hair loss, especially of the scalp
- diarrhoea, constipation
- a feeling of tiredness
- joint pain, muscle pain
- chest pain, stroke
- decrease in urine

These may be serious side effects. You may need urgent medical attention. Serious side effects are rare.

Other side effects not listed above may also occur in some patients.

### **Tell your doctor if you notice any other effects.**

Some side effects may only be seen by your doctor.

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## After taking CARBACCORD

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### **Dilution**

The product must be diluted prior to infusion, with 5 % dextrose solution or 0.9 % sodium chloride solution, to concentrates as low as 0.5 mg/ml.

### **Incompatibilities**

Needles or intravenous sets containing aluminium parts that may come into contact with Carboplatin Injection should not be used for preparation or administration of Carboplatin Injection.

Carboplatin may interact with aluminium to form a black precipitate. Needles, syringes, catheters or intravenous sets containing aluminium parts that may come into contact with carboplatin should be used for preparation or administration of carboplatin.

### **Shelf Life**

Unopened: 2 years

#### After dilution:

In use: Chemical and physical in-use stability has been demonstrated for 24 hours at room temperature and 30 hours at 2-8°C.

From a microbiological point of view, the product should be used immediately. If not used immediately, in-use storage times and conditions prior to use are the responsibility of the user and would normally not be longer than 24 hours at 2-8°C, unless dilution has taken place in controlled and validated aseptic conditions

**Storage**

Store below 25°C (Do not freeze).  
Protect from light. Use immediately upon opening. Discard any unused portion.

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**Product description**

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***What it looks like***

Carboplatin Injection is a clear, colourless solution in a amber glass vial.

It comes in three sizes: 50 mg of carboplatin in 5 mL, 150 mg in 15 mL and 450 mg in 45 mL.

***Ingredients***

Carboplatin Injection contains carboplatin as the active ingredient. It also contains Water for Injections. It does not contain a preservative.

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