



For the Patient: Dexrazoxane

Other names: Zinecard[®], Cardioxane[®]

BC Cancer Agency

- **Dexrazoxane** (dex-ray-ZOKS-ane) is a drug that is used to help prevent or lessen heart problems caused by some cancer drugs such as doxorubicin. It is a clear liquid that is injected into a vein.
- Tell your doctor if you have ever had an unusual or ***allergic reaction*** to dexrazoxane before taking dexrazoxane.
- The **drinking of alcohol** (in small amounts) does not appear to affect the safety or usefulness of dexrazoxane.
- Dexrazoxane may damage sperm and may harm the baby if used during pregnancy. It is best to use **birth control** while being treated with dexrazoxane. Tell your doctor right away if you or your partner becomes pregnant. Do not breast feed during treatment.
- **Tell** doctors or dentists that you are being treated with dexrazoxane before you receive any treatment from them.

SIDE EFFECTS	MANAGEMENT
<p>Pain or tenderness may occur where the needle was placed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply cool compresses or soak in cool water for 15-20 minutes several times a day.

The following symptoms are likely to be related to the chemotherapy portion of your treatment and not to dexrazoxane.

SEE YOUR DOCTOR OR GET EMERGENCY HELP IMMEDIATELY IF YOU HAVE:

- Signs of an **infection** such as fever (over 100°F or 38°C by an oral thermometer); chills; cough; sore throat; pain or burning when you pass urine; redness, pain or swelling of any area of your body; sores forming anywhere on your body.
- Signs of **bleeding problems** such as black, tarry stools; blood in urine; pinpoint red spots on skin, extensive bruising.
- Signs of an **allergic reaction** (rare) soon after a treatment including dizziness, fast heart beat, face swelling or breathing problems.

