

For the Patient:Carmustine waferOther names:GLIADEL®

- Carmustine (kar-MUS-teen) is a drug that is used to treat certain brain cancers. It is a wafer that is placed in the brain during surgery.
- Tell your doctor if you have ever had an unusual or **allergic reaction** to carmustine before taking carmustine.
- The **drinking of alcohol** (in small amounts) does not appear to affect the safety or usefulness of carmustine.
- Carmustine may cause **sterility** in men and **menopause** in women. If you plan to have children, discuss this with your doctor before being treated with carmustine.
- Carmustine may damage sperm and may harm the baby if used during pregnancy. It is best to use **birth control** while being treated with carmustine. Tell your doctor right away if you or your partner becomes pregnant. Do not breast feed during treatment.
- **Tell** your doctor, dentist, and other health professionals that you are being treated with carmustine before you receive any treatment from them.
- **Nausea** does not usually occur with carmustine wafer.
- Hair loss does not occur with carmustine wafer.

CHECK WITH YOUR HEALTHCARE TEAM OR GET EMERGENCY HELP IMMEDIATELY IF YOU HAVE:

- Severe headaches.
- Seizures or loss of consciousness.
- Signs of an **allergic reaction** (rare) soon after a treatment including dizziness, fast heart beat, face swelling, or breathing problems.
- Signs of heart problems such as fast or uneven heartbeat.
- Signs of an **infection** such as fever (over 100°F or 38°C by an oral thermometer), shaking chills; cough, severe sore throat, productive cough (coughing up thick or green sputum); cloudy or foul smelling urine; painful, tender, or swollen red skin wounds or sores.
- Signs of a **blood clot** such as tenderness or hardness over a vein, calf swelling and tenderness, sudden onset of cough, chest pain, or shortness of breath.

CHECK WITH YOUR HEALTHCARE TEAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (DURING OFFICE HOURS) IF YOU HAVE:

- Significant change in thinking clearly and logically.
- Pain or headache not controlled with acetaminophen (TYLENOL®).
- Swelling of hands, feet, or lower legs.
- Changes in eyesight.
- Trouble walking.
- Trouble sleeping.
- Poor healing where the carmustine was implanted.

CHECK WITH YOUR HEALTHCARE TEAM IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONTINUE OR BOTHER YOU:

- Uncontrolled vomiting or constipation.
- For diabetics: uncontrolled blood sugars.
- Skin rash or itching.

REPORT ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS TO YOUR HEALTHCARE TEAM

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