



Provincial Health Services Authority

For the Patient: Carmustine wafer
Other 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.

