Carmustine wafer

For the Patient: Carmustine wafer
Other names: GLIADEL®

BC Cancer Agency

- Carmustine (kar-MUS-teen) is a drug that is used to treat certain brain cancers. It is a drug 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 doctors or dentists 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.

SEE YOUR DOCTOR 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.
SEE YOUR DOCTOR 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 DOCTOR 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 DOCTOR