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.

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<td>Pain or tenderness</td>
<td>• Apply cool compresses or soak in cool water for 15-20 minutes several times a day.</td>
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*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; pain or burning when you pass urine.

- 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.
SEE YOUR DOCTOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (DURING OFFICE HOURS) IF YOU HAVE:

- Severe skin reaction where you have had radiation.
- Signs of anemia such as unusual tiredness or weakness.
- Signs of heart problems such as shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, swelling of feet or lower legs.
- Numbness or tingling in feet or hands.
- Skin rash or itching.

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

- Uncontrolled nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.
- Easy bruising or bleeding.
- Redness, swelling, pain or sores where the needle was placed.
- Redness, swelling, pain or sores on your lips, tongue, mouth or throat.

REPORT ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS TO YOUR DOCTOR