

Durvalumab

Care Team Contact Information: _____

Pharmacy Contact Information: _____

Diagnosis: _____

- This treatment is used for many types of cancer.

Goal of Treatment: _____

- Treatment may continue for a certain time period, until it no longer works, or until side effects are no longer controlled.

Treatment Regimen

Treatment Name	How the Treatment Works	How the Treatment is Given
Durvalumab (dur-VAL-yoo-mab): Imfinzi (im-FIN-zee)	Boosts your immune system to help it attack cancer cells more effectively.	Infusion given into a vein.

Treatment Administration and Schedule: Treatment is typically repeated every 2, 3, or 4 weeks. This length of time is called a “cycle.” Your care team will tell you how frequently you will receive treatment.

Every 2 Weeks Dosing:

Treatment Name	Cycle 1							Next Cycle
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	...	Day 14	Day 1
Durvalumab	✓							✓

Every 3 Weeks Dosing:

Treatment Name	Cycle 1							Next Cycle
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	...	Day 21	Day 1
Durvalumab	✓							✓

Every 4 Weeks Dosing:

Treatment Name	Cycle 1							Next Cycle
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	...	Day 28	Day 1
Durvalumab	✓							✓

Appointments: Appointments may include regular check-ups with your care team, treatment appointments, lab visits, and imaging tests. It's important to keep your appointments whenever you can. If you miss any appointments, call your care provider as soon as possible to reschedule your appointment.

Common Side Effects

Side Effect	Important Information
Lung Problems	<p>Description: Treatment can cause your immune system to attack your lungs. This may cause shortness of breath, cough (often dry), and tiredness.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep a symptom journal to track shortness of breath, cough, and fatigue. • Stay active with gentle exercise as tolerated. • Avoid irritants like smoke and strong odors. <p>Talk to your care team if you have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cough • Shortness of breath • Chest pain
Liver Problems	<p>Description: Treatment can cause your immune system to attack your liver. This may cause nausea, stomach pain, and bleeding or bruising. It can also turn your skin and eyes yellow and make your urine dark.</p> <p>Talk to your care team if you have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yellowing of your skin or the whites of your eyes • Severe nausea or vomiting • Pain on the right side of your stomach area (abdomen) • Dark urine (tea colored) • Bleeding or bruising more easily than normal

Select Rare or Serious Side Effects

Side Effect	Talk to Your Care Team if You Have Any of These Signs or Symptoms	
Intestinal Problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diarrhea (loose stools) or more frequent bowel movements than usual • Stool that are black, tarry, sticky, or have blood or mucus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe stomach-area (abdominal) pain or tenderness
Hormone Gland Problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headaches that will not go away or unusual headaches • Eye sensitivity to light • Eye problems • Rapid heartbeat • Increased sweating • Extreme tiredness • Weight gain or weight loss • Feeling more hungry or thirsty than usual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urinating more often than usual • Hair loss • Feeling cold • Constipation • Your voice gets deeper • Dizziness or fainting • Changes in mood or behavior, such as decreased sex drive, irritability, or forgetfulness
Skin Problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rash • Itching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skin blistering or peeling • Painful sore or ulcers in mouth or nose, throat, or genital area
Kidney Problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrease in your amount of urine • Blood in your urine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swelling of your ankles • Loss of appetite
Problems in Other Organs and Tissues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chest pain, irregular heartbeat, shortness of breath, swelling of ankles • Confusion, sleepiness, memory problems, changes in mood or behavior, stiff neck, balance problems, tingling or numbness of the arms or legs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double vision, blurry vision, sensitivity to light, eye pain, changes in eyesight • Persistent or severe muscle pain or weakness, muscle cramps • Low red blood cells, bruising
Infusion Reactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chills or shaking • Itching or rash • Flushing • Shortness of breath or wheezing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dizziness • Feeling like passing out • Fever • Back pain

Before starting treatment, ask your care team when to call 9-1-1 or seek emergency help. If you experience any new, worsening, or uncontrolled side effects, contact your care team immediately.

Intimacy, Pregnancy, and Breastfeeding

- Treatment may **change how you feel about intimacy and your body**. However, physical closeness—such as holding hands and hugging—remains safe. It is common to have questions about intimacy. If needed, talk to your care team for guidance.
- Treatment may **harm an unborn baby**.
 - If you might get pregnant, take a pregnancy test before starting treatment.
 - Use an effective method of birth control during treatment and for 3 months after your last dose.
 - If you think you might be pregnant or if you become pregnant, tell your care team right away.
 - If your partners could be pregnant, use an effective method of birth control—such as condoms—during treatment.
- **Do NOT breastfeed** during treatment and for 3 months after your last dose.

Additional Information

- **Tell your care team about all the medicines you take.**
This includes prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, vitamins, and herbal products. Before starting any new medicine, supplement, or vaccine, ask your care team first.
- **Treatment may cause side effects that require medicines or pausing the therapy.**
Your care team may treat you with corticosteroids or hormone replacement medicines. Your care team may also need to delay or completely stop your treatment if you have certain side effects.
- **Tell your care team about all your health problems.**
This includes issues with your immune system, like Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, or lupus. Also, tell them if you have had an organ transplant, like a kidney or eye transplant. Let them know if you had a stem cell transplant from a donor, had radiation to your chest, or have a nerve problem like myasthenia gravis or Guillain-Barré syndrome.
- **This Patient Education Sheet may not describe all possible side effects.**
Call your healthcare provider for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to the FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

Notes

Updated Date: August 7, 2025

Scan the QR code below to access this education sheet.



Important notice: The Association of Cancer Care Centers (ACCC), Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA), Network for Collaborative Oncology Development & Advancement, Inc. (NCODA), and Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) have collaborated in gathering information for and developing this patient education guide. This guide represents a brief summary of the medication derived from information provided by the drug manufacturer and other resources.

This guide does not cover all existing information related to the possible uses, directions, doses, precautions, warnings, interactions, adverse effects, or risks associated with this medication and should not substitute for the advice of a qualified healthcare professional. Provision of this guide is for informational purposes only and does not constitute or imply endorsement, recommendation, or favoring of this medication by ACCC, HOPA, NCODA, or ONS, who assume no liability for and cannot ensure the accuracy of the information presented. All decisions related to taking this medication should be made with the guidance and under the direction of a qualified healthcare professional.

Permission: Patient Education Sheets are provided as a free educational resource for patients with cancer and their caregivers in need of concise, easy to understand information about cancer therapy. Healthcare providers are permitted to copy and distribute the sheets to patients as well as direct patients to the Patient Education Sheets website. However, commercial reproduction or reuse, as well as rebranding or reposting of any type, are strictly prohibited without permission of the copyright holders. Permission requests, including direct linking from Electronic Health Records, and licensing inquiries should be emailed to patienteducationsheets@ncoda.org.

Copyright © 2025 by Network for Collaborative Oncology Development & Advancement, Inc. All rights reserved.

PES-116