

**Patient Information**  
**EMEND® (EE mend)**  
**(fosaprepitant dimeglumine)**  
**for Injection**

Read this Patient Information before you start receiving EMEND for Injection and each time you are scheduled to receive EMEND for Injection. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking to your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment.

**What is EMEND for Injection?**

EMEND for Injection is a prescription medicine used in adults to prevent nausea and vomiting caused by certain anti-cancer (chemotherapy) medicines. EMEND for Injection is always used with other medicines that treat nausea and vomiting.

EMEND for Injection is not used to treat nausea and vomiting that you already have.

EMEND for Injection should not be used continuously for a long time (chronic use).

It is not known if EMEND for Injection is safe and effective in children.

**Who should not take EMEND for Injection?**

**Do not take EMEND for Injection if you:**

- are taking any of the following medicines:
  - pimozide (ORAP®)
  - cisapride (PROPULSID®)

Taking EMEND for Injection with any of these medicines could cause serious or life-threatening problems.

- are allergic to any of the ingredients in EMEND for Injection. See the end of this leaflet for a list of all the ingredients in EMEND for Injection.

**What should I tell my doctor before receiving EMEND for Injection?**

**Before you receive EMEND for Injection, tell your doctor if you:**

- have liver problems.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if EMEND for Injection can harm your unborn baby.

Women who use birth control medicines containing hormones to prevent pregnancy (birth control pills, skin patches, implants, and certain IUDs) should also use a backup method of birth control during treatment with EMEND for Injection and for up to 1 month after using EMEND for Injection to prevent pregnancy.

- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if EMEND for Injection passes into your milk and if it can harm your baby. You and your doctor should decide if you will take EMEND for Injection or breastfeed. You should not do both.

**Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take**, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

**EMEND for Injection may cause serious life-threatening reactions if used with certain medicines. See the section "Who should not take EMEND for Injection?".**

EMEND for Injection may affect how other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how EMEND for Injection works. Ask your doctor or pharmacist before you take any new medicine. They can tell you if it is safe to take the medicine with EMEND for Injection.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them to show your doctor or pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

### **How will I receive EMEND for Injection?**

You will receive EMEND for Injection in one of two ways:

1. EMEND for Injection 150 mg given on Day 1 only.

- Day 1 (Day of chemotherapy): EMEND for Injection 150 mg will be given to you by infusion in your vein (intravenous) about 30 minutes before you start your chemotherapy treatment.

Or

2. EMEND for Injection 115 mg given along with capsules of EMEND.

- Day 1 (Day of chemotherapy): EMEND for Injection 115 mg will be given to you by infusion in your vein (intravenous) about 30 minutes before you start your chemotherapy treatment.
- You will get a prescription for two capsules of EMEND.
- Day 2 and Day 3 (the two days after chemotherapy): Take one 80-mg capsule of EMEND (white) by mouth, each morning for the 2 days after your chemotherapy treatment.
- If you take the blood thinner medicine warfarin sodium (COUMADIN<sup>®</sup>, JANTOVEN<sup>®</sup>), your doctor may do blood tests after you take EMEND to check your blood clotting.

### **What are the possible side effects of EMEND for Injection?**

**EMEND for Injection may cause serious side effects, including:**

- **Serious allergic reactions.** Allergic reactions can happen suddenly with EMEND for Injection and may be serious. Tell your doctor or nurse right away if you have flushing or redness of your face or skin, or trouble breathing during or soon after you receive EMEND for Injection.
- Severe skin reactions may occur rarely.

EMEND capsules can also cause allergic reactions. If you receive EMEND for Injection on Day 1, and then take EMEND capsules on Days 2 and 3, stop taking the EMEND capsules and call your doctor right away if you have any of these signs or symptoms of an allergic reaction:

- hives
- rash
- itching
- redness of the face or skin
- trouble breathing or swallowing.

The most common side effects of EMEND for Injection include:

- hiccups
- weakness or tiredness
- changes in liver function blood test results. Your doctor will check you for this.

- headache
- constipation
- loss of appetite
- indigestion
- diarrhea
- belching

Infusion-site side effects with EMEND for Injection may include pain, hardening, redness or itching at the site of infusion. Swelling (inflammation) of a vein caused by a blood clot can also happen at the infusion site. Tell your doctor if you get any infusion-site side effects.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. These are not all of the possible side effects of EMEND for Injection. For more information ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

### **General information about EMEND for Injection**

This Patient Information leaflet summarizes the most important information about EMEND for Injection. If you would like to know more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for information about EMEND for Injection that is written for health professionals. For more information about EMEND for Injection call 1-800-622-4477 or go to [www.emend.com](http://www.emend.com).

### **What are the ingredients in EMEND for Injection?**

**Active ingredient:** fosaprepitant dimeglumine

**Inactive ingredients:** edetate disodium, polysorbate 80, lactose anhydrous, sodium hydroxide and/or hydrochloric acid (for pH adjustment).

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