Appendix A: Skin, Hair, and Nail Side Effects of Anti-Cancer Medications

Use this table to look up potential side effects of the medications you are taking for treating your cancer. This information has been obtained from each medication's prescribing information and from published scientific medical literature.

Generic name / Brand name	Use	Potential side effects (skin; hair; nail)
Abarelix / Plenaxis	Prostate cancer	Hot flashes, breast enlargement, nipple tenderness, leg swelling
Abiraterone / Zytiga	Prostate cancer	Leg swelling, hot flashes
Alemtuzumab / Campath	Leukemia, Iymphoma	Allergic reactions, face swelling, blistering, infections, itching, cold sores, shingles, leg swelling, purple spots, welts, rash, sweating, lip and mouth sores
All-trans retinoic acid (ATRA) / Vesanoid	Leukemia	Worsening acne, rash, blistering, skin irritation, severe dryness, infections, sweating, facial and leg swelling, sensitivity to sunlight, itching, dry mouth, lip and mouth sores; Hair thinning; Painful swelling of nail folds
Altretamine / Hexalen	Ovarian cancer	Rash, itching; Hair thinning
Anastrozole / Arimidex	Breast cancer	Hot flashes, face swelling, sweating, leg swelling, itching, rash, dry mouth, vaginal dryness; Hair thinning
Asparaginase / Elspar, Erwinaze	Leukemia	Allergic reactions, face swelling, sweating, leg swelling, rash, itching, blistering, welts, lip and mouth sores
Arsenic trioxide / Trisenox	Leukemia	Rash, itching, hot flashes, purple spots and discoloration, dryness, redness, sweating, face swelling, white or dark discoloration, welts, cold sores or shingles, pain at site of injection, dry mouth
Axitinib / Inlyta	Kidney cancer	Hand-foot syndrome, dry skin, redness, itching, mouth sores; Hair thinning
Azacitidine / Vidaza, Mylosar	Myelodysplas- tic syndrome	Injection site redness or reaction, dry skin, itching, purple skin discoloration, rash, welts, mouth sores

Generic name / Brand name	Use	Potential side effects (skin; hair; nail)
Bevacizumab / Avastin	Various cancers	Rash, sores, dryness, nosebleeds, poor wound healing, mouth sores and taste changes
Bendamustine / Treanda	Leukemia, Iymphoma	Allergic reactions, rash, purple skin discoloration, itching, dry skin, sweating, cold sores or shingles, dry and sore mouth
Bexarotene / Targretin	Lymphoma	Acne, infections, rash, face swelling, irritation, sores, leg swelling, sensitivity to sunlight, itching, blistering, dryness, dry mouth; Hair thinning
Bicalutamide / Casodex	Prostate cancer	Hot flashes, sweating, swelling, rash, shingles, itching, dryness, dry mouth, breast enlargement (in men); Hair thinning
Bleomycin / Blenoxane	Lymphoma, head and neck, genital, and testicular cancers	Allergic reactions, face swelling, blistering, rash, redness, red or dark lines, dark discoloration, itching, painful sensitivity to cold in fingers and toes, hardening, welts, stretch marks, lip and mouth sores; Hair loss, graying; Nail horizontal ridges or dark bands, brittleness, loss, slow growth
Brentuximab vedotin / <i>Adcetris</i>	Lymphoma	Rash, itching, dry skin, blisters, sweating, leg swelling; Hair thinning
Bortezomib / Velcade	Multiple myeloma, lymphoma	Rash, blisters and sores, shingles, leg swelling
Busulfan / Busulfex, Myleran	Leukemia, stem cell transplant preparation	Darkening of the skin, dryness, welts, itching, dry mouth, lip sores; Hair thinning
Cabazitaxel / Jevtana	Prostate cancer	Mouth sores, leg swelling; Hair loss; Nail color changes or loss
Capecitabine / Xeloda	Breast and colorectal cancers	Hand-foot syndrome, rash, precancers in skin, rash in previously sunburned or radiated areas, sensitivity to sunlight, dark discoloration, itching, dryness, sores, lip and mouth sores; Hair thinning; Brittleness, nail loss, separation, inflammation in nail folds, thickening under nails
Carboplatin / Paraplatin	Lung and ovar- ian cancers	Allergic reactions, mouth sores; Hair loss
Carmustine / BiCNU	Brain cancer, lymphoma, multiple myeloma	Rash, redness, dark discoloration or burns if contacts with skin, pain or burning in area of injection
Cetuximab / Erbitux	Colorectal and head/neck cancers	Acne-like rash, dryness, cracks in fingertips and heels, itching, sensitivity to sunlight, redness, allergic reactions, infections; Hair thinning and curling on scalp and body, increased growth and thickening of hair on the face, long and curly eyelashes; Painful inflammation in nail folds, slower growth, brittleness
Chlorambucil / Leukeran	Leukemia, Iymphoma	Allergic reactions, rash, blisters
Cisplatin / Platinol	Lung, ovarian, and testicular cancers, lym- phoma, sarcomas	Allergic reactions, rash; Hair loss

Generic name / Brand name	Use	Potential side effects (skin; hair; nail)	
Cladribine / Leustatin	Leukemia	Allergic reactions, sweating, swelling, infection, redness, rash, shingles, itching, purple spots, blistering, welts, pain at site of injection	
Clofarabine / Clolar	Leukemia	Rash, itching, redness, hand-foot syndrome, cold sores or shingles, swelling, skin infections, mouth sores	
Crizotinib / Xalkori	Lung cancer	Mouth sores, rash	
Cyclophospha- mide / Cytoxan	Lymphoma, leukemia, neuroblastoma, retinoblastoma, ovarian and breast cancers	Allergic reactions, rash; Hair loss; Nail horizontal lines or ridges, brittleness, white or dark discoloration	
Cytarabine (Ara-C) / Cytosar-U	Leukemia	Allergic reactions; rash; purple spots; welts; shingles; itching; blistering; lip, mouth, and anal sores; Hair thinning	
Dacarbazine / DTIC, DTIC-Dome	Melanoma, lymphoma	Swelling, face redness, sensitivity to sunlight, welts; Hair thinning	
Dactinomycin (actinomycin D) / Cosmegen	Testicular, uterine cancers, sarcomas, Wilms and Ew- ing's tumors	Acne, blistering, infection, rash in previously radiated areas, dark discoloration, pain at site of injection, lip and mouth sores; Hair loss	
Dalteparin / Fragmin	Blood clots (prevention or treatment)	Allergic reactions, face swelling, rash, itching, purple spots, blistering, sores, welts, pain or rash or bumps at site of injection; Hair thinning	
Darbepoetin alfa / Aranesp	Low levels of red blood cells (anemia)	Allergic reactions, itching, rash, infections, swelling, welts, redness, mouth sores, pain at site of injection	
Dasatinib / Sprycel	Leukemia	Rash, sensitivity to light, dark discoloration, itching, welts, dryness, sores, lip and mouth sores; Hair thinning; Brittleness	
Daunorubicin / Cerubidine	Leukemia	Swelling, rash, itching, welts, pain at site of injection, lip and mouth sores; Hair loss	
Decitabine / Dacogen	Myelodysplas- tic syndromes	Purple or white skin discoloration, rash, itching, welts, face and leg swelling, mouth sores, bleeding; Hair thinning	
Degarelix / Degarelix for injection	Prostate cancer	Inflammation at site of injection, hot flashes, enlargement and tenderness of breasts (in men)	
Denileukin diftitox / Ontak	Lymphoma	Allergic reactions, rash, sweating, itching, swelling, inflammation at site of injection	
Docetaxel / Taxotere	Breast, head and neck, prostate, and stomach cancers	Allergic reactions, dryness, leg swelling, redness, hand-foot syndrome, rash in previously sunburned or radiated areas, itching, purple spots, rash, hardening, blistering, welts, lip and mouth sores; Hair loss (reversible in most people); Nail horizontal ridges, brittleness, nail loss, white or dark discoloration, painful inflammation of folds, separation of nails, thickening, painful infections, bleeding under nails	

Generic name / Brand name	Use	Potential side effects (skin; hair; nail)
Doxorubicin / Adriamycin, Caelyx, Doxil, Rubex	Various can- cers, leukemia, lymphoma, multiple myeloma	Hand-foot syndrome, allergic reactions, swelling, infections, blistering, rash in folds, dryness (especially in palms and soles), sores, rash in previously sunburned or radiated areas, itching, welts, dark spots in lips and tongue, lip and mouth sores; Hair loss; Nail horizontal ridges or white lines, dark vertical lines
Eculizumab / Soliris	Diseases of red blood cells	Cold sores, pain in extremities
Eltrombopag / Promacta	Few platelets in the blood	Purple spots
Enoxaparin / Lovenox	Blood clots (prevention or treatment)	Allergic reactions, rash, itching, purple spots, blistering, sores, welts, pain or rash or bumps at site of injection
Epirubicin / Ellence	Breast cancer	Rash, itching, mouth sores; Hair loss
Epoetin alfa / Epogen, Procrit	Low levels of red blood cells (anemia)	Allergic reactions, itching, rash, welts; Hair thinning, increased hair growth on face
Eribulin / Halaven	Breast cancer	Mouth sores; Hair loss; Nail color changes, infections, loss
Erlotinib / Tarceva	Lung and pan- creatic cancers	Acne-like rash, dryness, cracks in fingertips and heels, itching, sensitivity to light, redness, infections; Hair thinning and curling on scalp and body, increased growth and thickening of hair on the face, long and curly eyelashes; Painful inflammation in nail folds, slower growth, brittleness
Estramustine / Emcyt, Estracyt	Prostate cancer	Allergic reactions, face swelling or hot flashes, rash, dark discoloration, itching, dryness, purple spots, welts, dryness, breast tenderness or enlargement, sweating, pain at site of injection; Hair thinning
Etoposide / Eposin, VePesid, VP-16	Lung and tes- ticular cancers	Allergic reactions, sweating, redness, blistering, rash in previously sunburned areas, itching, dark discoloration, purple spots, welts, lip and mouth sores; Hair loss; Nail horizontal lines or ridges
Everolimus / Afinitor	Kidney, pancre- atic, and brain cancers	Rash, itching, dryness, lip and mouth sores and dryness, swelling; Nails brittle, loss, or pain and infections in folds
Exemestane / Aromasin	Breast cancer	Hot flashes, sweating, leg swelling, itching, rash; Hair thinning
Filgrastim / Neupogen	Bone marrow transplants, low levels of white blood cells	Painful sores, allergic reactions, rash, itching, welts, pain or bumps at sites of injection
Floxuridine / FUDR	Colorectal and stomach cancers	Rash, mouth sores; Hair thinning
Fludarabine / Fludara	Leukemia, stem cell transplant preparation	Swelling, rash, purple spots, lip and mouth sores, skin cancers, metallic taste; Hair thinning
Fluorouracil / Adrucil	Colon, breast, and pancreatic cancers	Dry skin, sensitivity to sunlight, dark skin discoloration along veins, rash, hand-foot syndrome, rash, swelling, lip and mouth sores: Hair loss

Generic name / Brand name	Use	Potential side effects (skin; hair; nail)
Fluoxymesterone / Halotestin	Breast cancer	Acne, rash, swelling, itching, dandruff; Hair thinning, increased hair growth on face
Flutamide / Eulexin	Prostate cancer	Hot flashes, pain at site of injection, breast enlargement and pain (in men)
Fondaparinux / Arixtra	Blood clots (prevention or treatment)	Allergic reactions, rash, itching, purple spots, bleeding into the skin, blistering, sores, welts, pain or rash or bumps at site of injection
Fulvestrant / Faslodex	Breast cancer	Hot flashes, sweating, leg swelling, rash, pain at site of injection
Gefitinib / Iressa	Lung cancer	Acne-like rash, dryness, cracks in fingertips and heels, itching, sensitivity to sunlight, redness, infections; Hair thinning and curling on scalp and body, increased growth and thickening of hair on the face, long and curly eyelashes; Painful inflammation in nail folds, slower growth, brittleness
Gemcitabine / Gemzar	Various cancers	Allergic reactions; areas that are painful, swollen, and red, especially on the legs; rash in previously radiated areas; painful sensitivity to cold in fingertips; pain at site of injection; lip and mouth sores; Hair thinning or loss
Goserelin / Zoladex	Breast and prostate cancers	Hot flashes, allergic reactions, swelling, rash, welts, vaginal dryness, sweating, dandruff, discoloration, acne, breast enlargement and pain (in men), pain or bumps at site of injection; Hair thinning
Hydroxyurea / Hydrea	Leukemia, melanoma, ovarian and head and neck cancers	Rash, sores, darkening, purple spots, swelling, redness, dryness, skin cancer, mouth sores; Hair thinning; Brittle nails
Ibritumomab / Zevalin	Lymphoma	Allergic reactions, sweating, blistering, sweating, leg swelling, purple spots, rash, itching
Idarubicin / Idamycin, Zavedos	Leukemia	Hand-foot syndrome, blistering, welts, rash in previously radiated areas, welts, rash at site of injection, lip and mouth sores; Hair loss; Dark nail discoloration
Ifosfamide / Ifex, Ifosfamidum	Testicular and various other cancers	Allergic reactions, blisters, hand foot syndrome, redness, rash in radiated sites, purple spots, sweating, sores, darkening; Hair loss; Ridges
Imatinib / Gleevec	Leukemia, sarcoma, gastrointesti- nal and blood cancers	Rash, skin cancers, swelling, redness, sores, white or dark discoloration, dryness, purple spots, blistering, sensitivity to sunlight, itching, lip or mouth sores, welts; Hair thinning; Nail brittleness, dark discoloration
Interferon alfa / Infergen, Intron A	Melanoma, leukemia, and lymphoma	Allergic reactions, rash, sweating, itching, purple spots, painful sensitivity to cold in fingers and toes, welts, white discoloration, pain at site of injection; Hair thinning, darkening, increased hair on face and eyelashes, change in texture
Interleukin-2 (aldesleukin) / Proleukin	Kidney cancer, melanoma	Allergic reactions, blistering, rash, cold sores, shingles, leg swelling, itching, purple spots, welts, pain at site of injection, lip and mouth sores; Hair loss
Ipilimumab / Yervoy	Melanoma	Rash, itching, white skin discoloration; Hair and eyelash graying or whitening

Generic name / Brand name	Use	Potential side effects (skin; hair; nail)
Irinotecan (CPT-11) / Camptosar	Colorectal cancer	Allergic reactions, sweating, rash, lip and mouth sores; Hair loss
Ixabepilone / Ixempra	Breast cancer	Hand-foot syndrome, rash, itching, dark discoloration, blisters, hot flashes, allergic reactions; lip and mouth sores; Hair thinning; Dark or white nail discoloration, nail separation and loss
L-Asparaginase / Elspar	Leukemia	Allergic reactions
Lapatinib / Tykerb	Breast cancer	Rash, dry skin, itching, redness, mouth sores; Hair thinning; Painful inflammation in nail folds, slower growth, brittleness
Lenalidomide / Revlimid	Multiple myeloma, myelodysplastic sydromes	Rash, sweating, redness, leg swelling, itching, dryness, purple spots, nosebleeds, infections, dry mouth, lip and mouth sores
Letrozole / Femara	Breast cancer	Hot flashes, sweating, rash, leg swelling, itching, blistering; Hair thinning
Leucovorin / Fusilev	Osteosarcoma, colorectal cancer, ane- mias, and when methotrexate or fluorouracil is used	Mouth sores, rash; Hair thinning
Leuprolide / Lupron, Viadur	Prostate cancer	Hot flashes, acne, rash, sweating, leg swelling, sensitivity to sunlight, breast enlargement and pain (in men), bumps or pain at sites of injection, taste changes, vaginal inflammation; Hair thinning
Lomustine, CCNU / Ceenu	Brain cancers, lymphoma	Mouth sores; Hair thinning
Mechlorethamine / Mustargen	Lymphoma, leukemia, lung cancer	Allergic reactions, welts, blisters, shingles, rash; Hair loss
Medroxyproges- terone / Prempro, Provera	Endometrial and breast can- cers	Acne, allergic reactions, face swelling, dark discoloration of face, sweating, rash, itching, hardening, stretch marks, welts, hot flashes, breast enlargement and pain (in men); Hair thinning, increased hair growth on face
Megestrol / Megace	Breast and endometrial cancers, appe- tite stimulant	Acne, rash, itching, sweating, breast enlargement (in men), cold sores; Hair thinning
Melphalan / Alkeran	Myeloma, ovarian cancer, stem cell transplant preparation	Allergic reactions, rash; Hair loss; Nail discoloration
Mercaptopurine / Purinethol	Leukemia	Rash, dark discoloration, mouth infections; Hair thinning

Generic name / Brand name	Use	Potential side effects (skin; hair; nail)
Methotrexate / Abitrexate, Folex, Mexate	Leukemia, lym- phoma, breast, lung, endome- trial, bone, and head and neck cancers	Acne, redness, blistering, cold sores and shingles, hair follicle infections and inflammation, rash in areas of previous sunburn or radiation, sensitivity to sunlight, itching, dark discoloration, skin sores, welts, lip and mouth sores, purple spots; Hair thinning
Mitomycin / Mutamycin	Stomach and pancreatic cancers	Rash, pain, and inflammation at injection site, redness or sores in the skin, lip and mouth sores, purple spots; Hair loss
Mitotane / Lysodren	Adrenal gland cancer	Rash, purple spots, lip and mouth sores, breast enlargement and pain (in men)
Mitoxantrone / Novantrone	Leukemia, prostate cancer	Allergic reactions, lip and mouth sores, purple spots, swelling, sweating, welts, pain and inflammation at the site of injection; Hair loss
Nelarabine / Arranon	Leukemia and lymphoma	Purple discoloration, lip and mouth sores, leg swelling
Nilotinib / Tasigna	Leukemia	Itching, rash, leg swelling, eyelid swelling, sweating, welts, purple spots, sensitivity to sunlight, skin discoloration, dryness; Hair thinning
Nilutamide / Nilandron	Prostate cancer	Hot flashes, sweating, swelling, itching, rash, dryness, breast enlargement and pain (in men), dry mouth; Hair thinning
Octreotide / Sandostatin	Carcinoid and VIP tumors	Allergic reactions, swelling, welts, breast enlargement (in men), pain at site of injection; Hair thinning
Ofatumumab / Arzerra	Leukemia	Rash, welts, sweating, shingles, leg swelling, allergic reactions
Oprelvekin / Neumega	Bleeding (low level of plate- lets)	Allergic reactions, swelling, rash, discoloration, mouth infections
Oxaliplatin / Eloxatin	Colorectal cancer	Allergic reactions, nosebleeds, mouth sores, leg swelling, rash; Hair thinning
Paclitaxel / Abraxane, Taxol	Breast, lung, ovarian can- cers, Kaposi's sarcoma	Allergic reactions, rash, dryness, leg swelling, hand-foot syndrome, rash in previously radiated areas, lip and mouth sores, pain at site of injection, tightness; Hair loss (reversible in most patients); White or dark discoloration or bands, painful inflammation of folds, separation of nails, thickening
Panitumumab / Vectibix	Colorectal cancer	Acne-like rash, dryness, cracks in fingertips and heels, itching, sensitivity to sunlight, redness, allergic reactions, infections; Hair thinning and curling on scalp and body, increased growth and thickening of hair on face, long and curly eyelashes; Painful inflammation in nail folds, slower growth, brittleness
Pazopanib / Votrient	Kidney cancer	Rash, face swelling, hand-foot syndrome, white discoloration, dryness, lip and mouth sores; Hair thinning, graying
Pegaspargase / Oncaspar	Leukemia	Rash, hives, itching, leg swelling, rash at sites of injection
Pegfilgrastim / Neulasta	Bone marrow transplants, low level of white blood cells	Acne, cysts, painful sores, allergic reactions, sweating, swelling, redness, rash, itching, welts, pain or bumps at site of injection, taste change, lip and mouth sores; Hair loss

Generic name / Brand name	Use	Potential side effects (skin; hair; nail)
Pemetrexed / Alimta	Lung cancer, mesothelioma	Allergic reactions, peeling, swelling, rash in previously sunburned areas, sores in areas of pressure, itching, purple spots, leg swelling, lip and mouth sores
Pentostatin / Nipent	Leukemia, graft-vs-host disease	Rash, mouth sores, shingles, skin infection
Plerixafor / Mozobil	Lymphoma, multiple myeloma	Inflammation at the site of injection
Porfimer sodium / Photofrin	Esophageal, lung cancers	Sensitivity to sunlight, rash, itching
Pralatrexate / Folotyn	Lymphoma	Mouth sores, rash, swelling
Procarbazine / Matulane	Lymphoma, brain cancer	Allergic reactions, rash, cold sores and shingles, dark discoloration, itching, purple spots, redness, welts, lip and mouth sores; Hair thinning
Raloxifene / Evista	Osteoporosis, breast cancer	Hot flashes, sweating, leg swelling, rash, vaginal inflammation
Rituximab / Rituxan	Lymphoma	Allergic reactions, face swelling, rash, sweating, blistering, shingles, leg swelling, itching, welts, pain at site of injection, lip and mouth sores
Romidepsin / Istodax	Lymphomas of the skin	Rash, itching, swelling, lip and mouth sores
Sipuleucel-T / Provenge	Prostate cancer	Allergic reactions
Sargramostim / Leukine	After bone marrow transplants, low level of white blood cells	Rash, pain and inflammation at site of injection
Sorafenib / Nexavar	Kidney and liver cancers	Hand-foot syndrome, acne, moles, growths and cancers, dryness, redness, welts, scalp pain, nipple tenderness, itching, lip and mouth sores; Hair thinning and curling; Dark vertical lines in nails
Streptozocin / Zanosar	Pancreatic cancer	Purple spots, pain and inflammation at area of injection
Sunitinib / Sutent	Kidney and gastrointestinal cancers	Hand-foot syndrome, leg swelling, yellow discoloration, dandruff-like rash, dryness, eyelid swelling; Hair thinning, gray- ing; Dark vertical lines in nails
Tamoxifen / Nolvadex	Breast cancer	Swelling, hot flashes, sweating, rash, dryness; Hair thinning, increased hair on face, hair darkening
Temozolomide / Temodar	Brain cancer, melanoma	Allergic reactions, swelling, dry skin, itching, rash, lip and mouth sores; Hair thinning
Temsirolimus / Torisel	Kidney cancer	Allergic reactions, lip and mouth sores, rash, itching, infections, dry skin, acne, swelling; Nail inflammation
Teniposide / Vumon	Leukemia, lym- phoma, lung cancer	Allergic reactions, allergic reactions, rash, welts, lip and mouth sores, purple spots; Hair loss

Generic name / Brand name	Use	Potential side effects (skin; hair; nail)
Thalidomide / Thalomid	Multiple myeloma	Rash, allergic reactions, swelling, itching, purple spots, lip and mouth sores, dryness; Hair thinning; Brittle nails
Tioguanine / Lanvis	Leukemia	Purple spots, dry mouth, lip and mouth sores; Hair loss
Thiotepa / Thioplex	Before stem cell transplants, some breast, ovarian, blad- der cancers	Allergic reactions, rash; Hair loss
Tinzaparin / Innohep	Blood clots (prevention or treatment)	Allergic reactions, purple spots, pain or rash or bumps at site of injection
Topotecan / Hycamtin	Ovarian, cervi- cal, and lung cancers	Rash, purple spots, lip and mouth sores; Hair loss
Toremifene / Fareston	Breast cancer	Hot flashes, sweating, swelling, dark discoloration, rash; Hair thinning
Tositumomab / Bexxar	Lymphoma	Allergic reactions, swelling, sweating, itching, rash
Trastuzumab / Herceptin	Breast, stom- ach cancers	Acne, allergic reactions, leg swelling, rash; Hair thinning; Brittle nails
Vandetanib / Caprelsa	Thyroid cancer	Rash, acne, rash, dry skin, dark spots, itching
Vemurafenib / Zelboraf	Melanoma	Rash, dry skin, itching, moles, hand-foot syndrome, growths and skin cancers; Hair thinning and curling
Vinblastine / Velban, Velsar	Lymphoma, endometrial, breast, Kaposi sarcoma, and testicular cancers	Rash, blistering, sensitivity to sunlight, lip and mouth sores; Hair loss
Vincristine / Oncovin, Vincasar	Leukemia, lymphoma, spinal cord and muscle, and kidney tumors	Allergic reactions, rash; Hair loss
Vinorelbine / Navelbine	Lung and breast cancers	Allergic reactions, pain at site of injection; Hair loss
Vismodegib / Erivedge	Advanced basal cell cancer	Rash, dry skin, loss of taste; Hair thinning
Vorinostat / Zolinza	Skin lymphoma	Leg swelling, itching, rash; Hair thinning
Warfarin / Coumadin	Blood clots (prevention or treatment)	Allergic reactions, rash, purple spots, sores, itching, welts; Hair thinning

Appendix B: List of Anti-Cancer Medications by Brand Name

Use this table to look up the generic name of the medication you are taking by its brand name. If you do not see the brand name of your medication listed here, please ask your oncologist.

Brand Name	Generic Name	Brand Name	Generic Name
Abitrexate	Methotrexate	Busulfex	Busulfan
Abraxane	Paclitaxel	Caelyx	Doxorubicin
Adcetris	Brentuximab vedotin	Campath	Alemtuzumab
Adriamycin	Doxorubicin	Camptosar	Irinotecan (CPT-11)
Adrucil	Fluorouracil	Caprelsa	Vandetanib
Afinitor	Everolimus	Casodex	Bicalutamide
Alimta	Pemetrexed	CeeNU	Lomustine, CCNU
Alkeran	Melphalan	Cerubidine	Daunorubicin
Aranesp	Darbepoetin alfa	Clolar	Clofarabine
Arimidex	Anastrozole	Cosmegen	Dactinomycin (actinomycin D)
Arixtra	Fondaparinux	Coumadin	Warfarin
Aromasin	Exemestane	Cytosar-U	Cytarabine (Ara-C)
Arranon	Nelarabine	Cytoxan	Cyclophosphamide
Arzerra	Ofatumumab	Dacogen	Decitabine
Avastin	Bevacizumab	Doxil	Doxorubicin
BiCNU	Carmustine	DTIC, DTIC-Dome	Dacarbazine
Bexxar	Tositumomab	Ellence	Epirubicin
Blenoxane	Bleomycin	Eloxatin	Oxaliplatin

Brand Name	Generic Name	Brand Name	Generic Name
Elspar	L-Asparaginase	Intron A	Interferon alfa
Emcyt	Estramustine	Iressa	Gefitinib
Epogen	Epoetin alfa	Istodax	Romidepsin
Eposin	Etoposide	Ixempra	Ixabepilone
Erbitux	Cetuximab	Jevtana	Cabazitaxel
Erivedge	Vismodegib	Lanvis	Tioguanine
Erwinaze	Asparaginase	Leukeran	Chlorambucil
Estracyt	Estramustine	Leukine	Sargramostim
Eulexin	Flutamide	Leustatin	Cladribine
Evista	Raloxifene	Lovenox	Enoxaparin
Fareston	Toremifene	Lupron	Leuprolide
Faslodex	Fulvestrant	Lysodren	Mitotane
Femara	Letrozole	Matulane	Procarbazine
Firmagon	Degarelix	Megace	Megestrol
Fludara	Fludarabine	Mexate	Methotrexate
Folex	Methotrexate	Mozobil	Plerixafor
Folotyn	Pralatrexate	Mustargen	Mechlorethamine
Fragmin	Dalteparin	Mutamycin	Mitomycin
FUDR	Floxuridine	Myleran	Busulfan
Fusilev	Leucovorin	Mylosar	Azacitidine
Gemzar	Gemcitabine	Navelbine	Vinorelbine
Gleevec	Imatinib	Neulasta	Pegfilgrastim
Halaven	Eribulin	Neumega	Oprelvekin
Halotestin	Fluoxymesterone	Neupogen	Filgrastim
Herceptin	Trastuzumab	Nexavar	Sorafenib
Hexalen	Altretamine	Nilandron	Nilutamide
Hycamtin	Topotecan	Nipent	Pentostatin
Hydrea	Hydroxyurea	Nolvadex	Tamoxifen
Idamycin	Idarubicin	Novantrone	Mitoxantrone
Ifex	Ifosfamide	Oncaspar	Pegaspargase
Ifosfamidum	Ifosfamide	Oncovin	Vincristine
Infergen	Interferon alfa	Ontak	Denileukin diftitox
Inlyta	Axitinib	Paraplatin	Carboplatin
Innohep	Tinzaparin	Photofrin	Porfimer sodium

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Platinol	Cisplatin	Treanda	Bendamustine
Plenaxis	Abarelix	Trisenox	Arsenic trioxide
Prempro	Medroxyprogesterone	Tykerb	Lapatinib
Procrit	Epoetin alfa	Vectibix	Panitumumab
Proleukin	Interleukin-2 (aldesleukin)	Velban	Vinblastine
Promacta	Eltrombopag	Velcade	Bortezomib
Provenge	Sipuleucel-T	Velsar	Vinblastine
Provera	Medroxyprogesterone	VePesid	Etoposide
Purinethol	Mercaptopurine	Vesanoid	All-trans retinoic acid (ATRA)
Revlimid	Lenalidomide	Viadur	Leuprolide
Rituxan	Rituximab	Vidaza	Azacitidine
Rubex	Doxorubicin	Vincasar	Vincristine
Sandostatin	Octreotide	Votrient	Pazopanib
Soliris	Eculizumab	VP-16	Etoposide
Sprycel	Dasatinib	Vumon	Teniposide
Sutent	Sunitinib	Xalkori	Crizotinib
Tarceva	Erlotinib	Xeloda	Capecitabine
Targretin	Bexarotene	Yervoy	Ipilimumab
Tasigna	Nilotinib	Zanosar	Streptozocin
Taxol	Paclitaxel	Zavedos	Idarubicin
Taxotere	Docetaxel	Zelboraf	Vemurafenib
Temodar	Temozolomide	Zevalin	Ibritumomab
Thalomid	Thalidomide	Zoladex	Goserelin
Thioplex	Thiotepa	Zolinza	Vorinostat
Torisel	Temsirolimus	Zytiga	Abiraterone