

Possible Side Effects (continued):

Heart Changes

What this means: Your doctor may check your heart rhythm when you start this medicine and while you are taking this medicine.

What to do:

- Eat a healthy, well-balanced diet.
- Call your doctor if you feel that your heart rhythm has changed or if you have shortness of breath.

Swelling/Fluid Retention

What this means: You may see swelling in your hands, feet or lower legs. This medicine may cause fluid to build up in your lungs.

What to do:

- Call your doctor if you have any swelling or major weight gain.
- Call your doctor if you have shortness of breath or pain when you breathe.

Low White Blood Cells/Preventing Infection

What to do:

- Call your doctor if have a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius) or higher.
- Wash your hands often.

Bleeding/Bruising/Black Stools

What to do:

- Call your doctor if have bruising, bleeding, black stools or sudden or severe stomach pain.
- **Do not** use aspirin, ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin), or naproxen (Aleve) for regular aches and pains.

This is not a complete list of all possible side effects. Tell your doctor if you have these or any other side effects that you think are caused by this medicine. Your James health care team will give you further help to manage side effects.

PATIENT EDUCATION

Taking Your Treatment Home

What you need to know about your Anti-Cancer Medicine

Dasatinib (Sprycel)

This brochure has important information on how to use, handle, and store your medicine, what side effects to look for and how to manage them.

What it looks like: White, round or oval-shaped tablets

How to handle and store:

- **There are special safe handling instructions for this medicine.** Talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse about the precautions you need to follow when you take this medicine at home.
- Store in a closed container in a dry place such as a cabinet away from light, heat and moisture.
- **Do not** store in your bathroom or in a refrigerator.
- Keep this medicine away from children and **do not** share it with anyone.

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How to take:

- Swallow the tablet whole with a full glass of water at the same time each day. This medicine can be taken with or without food.
- **Do not** take more tablets than ordered by your doctor.
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember it. If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose. **Do not double up on doses.**

Disposal:

- Talk with your doctor or pharmacist about how to get rid of prescription medicines safely.

Precautions:

- Tell your doctor or pharmacist about any medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins and herbal products.
- **Do not get pregnant while on this medicine.** Talk with your doctor about what birth control to use.
- **Do not take St. John's Wort.**
- **Do not eat grapefruit or drink grapefruit juice.** This can increase your risk of side effects.
- **Talk to your doctor** before you take any medicines for heartburn or an upset stomach. **Do not** take lansoprazole (Prevacid) or pantoprazole (Protonix).

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You can find more information on side effects in the Patient Education booklet, *Treatment with Chemotherapy and Anti-Cancer Medicines*.

Rash**What to do:**

- Tell your doctor if you get a rash.
- Protect your skin and use sunscreen (SPF 30 or higher) when you take this medicine.
- **Do not** use strong detergents or use strong soaps on areas with the rash.

Diarrhea**What to do:**

- Drink extra fluids during the day.
- Call your doctor if this happens more than 4 times in a day, or lasts for more than 1 to 2 days or if you feel lightheaded or dizzy.

Muscle Pain or Spasms**What to do:**

- Talk to your doctor before you take any over-the-counter pain medicine.
- Drink water during the day.
- Get enough sleep.
- **Do not** lift heavy objects.
- Call your doctor if your muscle pain makes you unable to do your normal daily activities.

Headache**What to do:**

- Talk to your doctor before you take any over-the-counter pain medicine.
- Call your doctor if the headache continues or makes you unable to do your normal daily activities.

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