# **Tremelimumab**



Care Team Contact Information:	
Pharmacy Contact Information:	
Diagnosis:	
<ul> <li>This treatment is often used</li> </ul>	for liver cancer and certain types of lung cancers, but it may also be used for other diagnoses.
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
Tremelimumab (treh-meh-LIM-yoo-mab): Imjudo (im-JOO-doh)	Boosts your immune system to help it attack cancer cells more effectively.	Infusion given into a vein.

**Treatment Administration and Schedule:** This treatment is often given along with other treatments. It may be given one time or every 3 weeks. The 3-week period is called a "cycle." Your care team will decide how often you need the treatment.

## **Every 3 Weeks Dosing:**

	Cycle 1					Next Cycle	
Treatment Name	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	 Day 21	Day 1
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**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					
Low Red Blood Cell (RBC)	Description: RBCs and Hgb help bring oxygen to your body's tissues and take away carbon dioxide. If you have low RBC counts or Hgb, you may feel weak, tired, or look pale.					
Count and Hemoglobin (Hgb)	Recommendations:      Get 7 to 8 hours of sleep each night.     Avoid operating heavy machinery when tired.     Balance work and rest, staying active but resting when needed.	Talk to your care team if you have:  Shortness of breath Dizziness Fast or abnormal heartbeats Severe headache				
Low Platelet Count	<ul> <li>Description: Platelets help the blood clot and heal wounds. If you have low platelet Recommendations:</li> <li>Blow your nose gently and avoid picking it.</li> <li>Brush your teeth gently with a soft toothbrush and maintain good oral hygiene.</li> <li>Use an electric razor for shaving and a nail file instead of nail clippers.</li> <li>Avoid over-the-counter medications that may increase the risk of bleeding, such as NSAIDs.</li> <li>Talk with your care team or dentist before medical or dental procedures, as you may need to pause your treatment.</li> </ul>	Talk to your care team if you have:  Nosebleed lasting over 5 minutes despite pressure  Cut that continues to bleed Significant gum bleeding when flossing or brushing Severe headaches Blood in your urine or stool Blood in your spit after a cough				
Fatigue	<ul> <li>Description: Fatigue is a constant and sometimes strong feeling of tiredness.</li> <li>Recommendations: <ul> <li>Routine exercise has been shown to decrease levels of fatigue. Work with your care team to find the right type of exercise for you.</li> <li>Ask your family and friends for help with daily tasks and emotional support.</li> <li>Try healthy ways to feel better, like meditation, writing in a journal, doing yoga, and using guided imagery to lower anxiety and feel good.</li> <li>Make a regular sleep schedule and limit naps during the day so you can sleep better at night, aiming for 7 to 8 hours of sleep.</li> <li>Don't use heavy machines or do things that need your full attention if you're very tired to avoid accidents.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Talk to your care team if you have:				









Skin Problems	Description: Treatment can make your immune system attack healthy skin cells. This can cause a rash, itching, and other skin problems.					
	Recommendations:	Talk to your care team if you have:				
	Keep your skin soft and moisturized with lotions or creams.	Rash				
	Wear loose, comfortable clothes.	Itching				
	Don't use perfumes and colognes.	Skin blistering or peeling				
	<ul> <li>Stay out of the sun, especially between 10 AM and 4 PM.</li> </ul>	Painful sore or ulcers in the mouth or nose, throat, or genital				
	Wear long-sleeved shirts with UV protection and a wide hat to block the	area				
	sun.  • Use sunscreen with at least SPF 30 and put on lip balm with SPF too.					
	Don't use tanning beds.					
	Your care team may suggest taking certain medicines or applying					
	special creams.					
Liver Problems	blems Description: Treatment can cause your immune system to attack your liver. This may cause nausea, stomach pain, and bleeding or bruising. It can turn your skin and eyes yellow and make your urine dark.					
	Talk to your care team if you have:					
	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 Symp	toms
Lung Problems	<ul><li>Cough</li><li>Shortness of breath</li></ul>	Chest pain
Intestinal Problems	Diarrhea (loose stools) or more frequent bowel movements than usual     Stool that are black, tarry, sticky, or have blood or mucus	Severe stomach-area (abdominal) pain or tenderness
Hormone Gland Problems	<ul> <li>Headaches that will not go away or unusual headaches</li> <li>Eye sensitivity to light</li> <li>Eye problems</li> <li>Rapid heartbeat</li> <li>Increased sweating</li> <li>Extreme tiredness</li> <li>Weight gain or weight loss</li> <li>Feeling more hungry or thirsty than usual</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Urinating more often than usual</li> <li>Hair loss</li> <li>Feeling cold</li> <li>Constipation</li> <li>Your voice gets deeper</li> <li>Dizziness or fainting</li> <li>Changes in mood or behavior, such as decreased sex drive, irritability, or forgetfulness</li> </ul>
Kidney Problems	<ul> <li>Decrease in your amount of urine</li> <li>Blood in your urine</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Swelling of your ankles</li><li>Loss of appetite</li></ul>
Problems in Other Organs and Tissues	<ul> <li>Chest pain, irregular heartbeat, shortness of breath, swelling of ankles</li> <li>Confusion, sleepiness, memory problems, changes in mood or behavior, stiff neck, balance problems, tingling or numbness of the arms or legs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Double vision, blurry vision, sensitivity to light, eye pain, changes in eyesight</li> <li>Persistent or severe muscle pain or weakness, muscle cramps</li> <li>Low red blood cells, bruising</li> </ul>
Infusion Reactions	<ul> <li>Chills or shaking</li> <li>Itching or rash</li> <li>Flushing</li> <li>Shortness of breath or wheezing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Dizziness</li> <li>Feeling like passing out</li> <li>Fever</li> <li>Back pain</li> </ul>

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.

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