



NEBRASKA CANCER SPECIALISTS

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Vectibix[®]

Generic Name: Panitumumab

Drug Type:

Vectibix is classified as a "monoclonal antibody" and epidermal growth factor receptors (EGFR) inhibitor.

How Vectibix is given:

Vectibix is given through an infusion into a vein (intravenous, IV).

Vectibix side effects:

Important things to remember about the side effects of Vectibix:

- Most people will not experience all of the side effects listed.
- Side effects are almost always reversible and will usually go away after therapy is complete.
- Side effects may be quite manageable. There are many options to minimize or prevent the side effects of.

The following side effects are common for patients receiving Vectibix:

- Skin reactions (including redness, acneform dermatitis, itching, or rash)
- Low level of magnesium in the blood (hypomagnesemia)

These are less common side effects for patients receiving Vectibix:

- Fatigue
- General deterioration
- Abdominal pain
- Nausea
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Swelling in hands or feet
- Cough
- Dry skin
- Inflammation of the bed of the fingernails
- Eye irritation (conjunctivitis, increased tears, irritation)

A serious but rare side effect of Vectibix is potential for a severe infusion reaction (including allergic reaction, chills, fever, and bronchospasm - causing difficulty breathing). This will be monitored carefully during the infusion.

When to contact your doctor or health care provider:

Contact your doctor or health care provider ***immediately***, day or night, if you should experience any of the following symptoms:

- Fever of 101 or higher, chills, sore throat (possible signs of infection)
- Shortness of breath, chest pain or discomfort

The following symptoms require medical attention, but are not an emergency. Contact your doctor or health care provider ***within 24 hours*** of noticing any of the following:

- Nausea (interferes with ability to eat and unrelieved with prescribed medication)
- Vomiting (vomiting more than 4-5 times in a 24 hour period)
- Diarrhea (4-6 episodes in a 24-hour period)
- Extreme fatigue (unable to carry on self-care activities)
- Swelling of the hands or feet
- Severe rash (causing pain, itching or drainage)
- Mouth sores (painful redness, swelling or ulcers)
- Eye irritation

Always inform your doctor or health care provider if you experience any unusual symptoms.