



## Treatment & medication

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# Etoposide

Other names: Vepesid, VP-16.

### What is it and how does it work?

A medicine that inhibits cell division (cytostatic drug).

of the mucous membranes of the intestines, following administration by mouth

### What does it look like and how is it given?

- A clear liquid that is administered as an infusion into a vein (intravenous).
- A capsule or drink that is taken by mouth (oral) on an empty stomach (depending on the protocol).

### Special instructions

- If your child vomits within 30 minutes after taking the medicine, please check [prinsesmaximacentrum.nl/regimens](https://prinsesmaximacentrum.nl/regimens) under the heading 'Medicine' to see what you should do.
- Ensure that your child takes the capsule or drink on an empty stomach.
- Warn the doctor or nurse if your child experiences hypersensitivity reactions (itching, stuffy nose, shortness of breath, shivering, fever, low blood pressure).
- Warn your doctor or nurse if your child complains about a burning or painful sensation during the administration of this medicine, or if the skin becomes red or painful after the administration.

### Short-term side effects (within 24 hours)

- Nausea and vomiting
- Hypersensitivity reaction (itching, stuffy nose, shortness of breath, shivering, fever and low blood pressure)

### Long-term side effects

- Sore mouth and lips caused by inflamed mucous membranes of the mouth
- Decrease in the number of white blood cells and platelets (7 to 14 days after administration)
- Hair loss
- Diarrhea caused by the inflammation

### Specifics

Your child's blood pressure will be checked regularly.

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This card lists the most common side effects and specifics of this medicine. If you want a complete list, please ask the doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.