



## Treatment & medication

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# Vincristine

Other names: Oncovin, VCR.

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

A medicine that inhibits cell division (cytostatic drug).

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

A clear liquid that is administered as a bolus injection or as an infusion into a vein (intravenous) (depending on the protocol).

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

- Irritation of the skin (burn-like patches) in case the medicine leaks from the blood vessel
- Constipation

### Long-term side effects

- Abdominal pain, abdominal cramping, constipation
- Hair loss
- Irritation of nerve pathways, resulting in tingling fingers and toes, jaw pain and reduced muscle strength in the lower legs and hands
- Fever

### Special instructions

- 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.
- Keep a close eye on your child's stool.

### Specifics

It might be necessary to adjust your child's diet, or to administer a laxative.

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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.