



## Treatment & medication

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# Melphalan

Other name: Alkeran.

### 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 solution that is administered as an infusion into a vein (intravenous), over 30-60 minutes (depending on the protocol).

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

Nausea, vomiting and diarrhea

### Long-term side effects

- Anemia
- Increased risk of infections and bleeding (such as nosebleeds)
- Sore mouth, tongue or throat
- Hair loss

### Specifics

This medicine can cause kidney damage. Therefore, your child will be given extra fluids during and after administration.

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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.