

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET**SCHEDULING STATUS: S4[ⓘ]**

NIVOCHA , 20 mg, 30 mg and 80 mg, Soft capsule
Vinorelbine tartrate
Contains sugar (sorbitol 12,40 mg, 18,70 mg and 34,5 mg respectively)
Contains less than 100 mg ethanol (alcohol) per 20 mg, 30 mg and 80 mg soft capsule.

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking NIVOCHA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again. If you have further questions, please ask your doctor, pharmacist, nurse or other health care provider. NIVOCHA has been prescribed for you personally and you should not share your medicine with other people. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.

What is in this leaflet

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- What NIVOCHA is and what it is used for**

NIVOCHA belongs to a group of medicines called vinca alkaloids and analogues; medicines that block cell growth by stopping mitosis (cell division).

NIVOCHA is used to treat:

- Non-small cell lung cancer
- Advanced breast cancer that has not responded to other medicines.

- What you need to know before you take NIVOCHA**

Do not take NIVOCHA:

- if you are hypersensitive (allergic) to vinorelbine, other vinca alkaloids or any of the other ingredients of NIVOCHA (listed in section 6),
- if you have a disease that significantly affects your gut (gastrointestinal) function,
- if you have previously had significant surgical resection (operation) of the stomach and small bowel,
- if you require long-term oxygen therapy,
- if you have recently received the yellow fever vaccine,
- if you have severe liver problems,
- if you have a low white blood cell count (neutrophils, granulocytes) or a severe infection current or recent within two weeks,
- if you are pregnant of breastfeeding your baby
- Safety and effectiveness in children have not been established

Warnings and precautions

Special care should be taken with NIVOCHA:

- when taking NIVOCHA, because chewing or sucking the capsule will cause severe irritation, rinse your mouth with water or preferably a normal saline solution, you should not swallow the damaged capsule and should be returned to the pharmacy or doctor in order to properly be destroyed.
- In case you vomit within a few hours after taking the medicine, do not take NIVOCHA again, NIVOCHA can easily cause nausea and vomiting. Taking anti-nausea medicine before taking NIVOCHA and also taking NIVOCHA with food is recommended, as this helps to reduce the incidence of nausea and vomiting.
- if you are taking NIVOCHA and being given morphine or opioid analgesics at the same time, because this may lead to constipation, your doctor may prescribe laxatives for you,
- if you have liver problems, because NIVOCHA may cause more bile pigment in blood
- if you have received or need a vaccination, the yellow fever vaccine or any other live attenuated vaccines, do not take NIVOCHA

Special care should be taken with NIVOCHA if:

- you have a history of heart attack or severe chest pain.
- you have problems with your liver, or you have received radiotherapy where the treatment field includes the liver.
- you have symptoms of infection (such as fever, chills, joint pain, cough).
- Before and during your treatment with **NIVOCHA** blood cell counts are performed to check that it is safe for you to receive treatment. If the results of this analysis are not satisfactory, your treatment may be delayed, and further checks made until these values return to normal.

Children and adolescents

Do not give NIVOCHA to children and adolescents safety has not been established.

Other medicines and NIVOCHA

Always tell your health care provider if you are taking any other medicine.

(This includes complementary or traditional medicines.)

Anticoagulants (medicines that helps prevent blood clots) - if you are being

treated for a tumour, your healthcare provider may give you a prescription for anticoagulants while you are taking NIVOCHA, because there is an increased risk that blood clots will develop while you are taking NIVOCHA.

Your doctor may perform regular blood tests to see how long it takes your blood to clot.

Live attenuated vaccines - NIVOCHA should not be taken after you have received live attenuated vaccine, such as the yellow fever vaccine, as this may lead to death. Inform your doctor if you require any vaccinations.

Phenytoin (medicine used to treat epilepsy) - NIVOCHA should not be taken with phenytoin as this leads to its poor absorption, which could lead to an exacerbation of convulsions.

Cisplatin (medicine used to treat cancer) – NIVOCHA should not be taken with cisplatin as it may cause a significant decrease in granulocytes (a type of white blood cell in your blood).

Mitomycin C (medicine used to treat cancer) - NIVOCHA should not be taken with mitomycin C as there is a risk of lung infection that may affect your breathing.

Ciclosporin, tacrolimus (immunosuppressants) - NIVOCHA should not be taken with either ciclosporin or tacrolimus as this may compromise your immune system.

Itraconazole and ketoconazole (medicine used to treat fungal infections) - NIVOCHA should not be taken with itraconazole as this leads to a decrease in the metabolism of Itraconazole in the liver, which could result in an increase in the neurotoxicity of vinca-alkaloids.

The combination of NIVOCHA with other medicines with known bone marrow toxicity (affecting your white and red blood cells and your platelets) could also worsen some side effects.

Your doctor should take special attention if you are taking anti-tuberculosis medicine called rifampicin and an anti-epileptic medicine called phenytoin

Pregnancy, breastfeeding and fertility

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, please consult your doctor, pharmacist or other health care provider for advice before taking this medicine.

You should stop taking NIVOCHA if you plan to become pregnant. Women of childbearing age should not use NIVOCHA unless they are reliably using highly effective contraception during treatment and up to 3 months after treatment. NIVOCHA should not be taken by pregnant or breastfeeding women.

Men being treated with NIVOCHA are advised not to father a child during and up to 3 months after the last capsule. You should discuss sperm banking with your doctor before starting treatment with NIVOCHA.

Driving and using machines

It is not always possible to predict to what extent NIVOCHA may interfere with your daily activities. You should ensure that you do not engage in activities requiring mental alertness, judgment and/or sound coordination and vision e.g. driving, riding, flying, sailing or operating machines/equipment until you are aware of the measure to which NIVOCHA affects you.

NIVOCHA contains sorbitol and ethanol:

This medicine NIVOCHA 20 mg contains 5.36 mg sorbitol in each capsule.

This medicine NIVOCHA 30 mg contains 8.11 mg sorbitol in each capsule.

This medicine NIVOCHA 80 mg contains 14.91 mg sorbitol in each capsule.

This medicine NIVOCHA 20 mg contains 5 mg of alcohol (ethanol) in each capsule.

This medicine NIVOCHA 30 mg contains 7.5 mg of alcohol (ethanol) in each capsule.

This medicine NIVOCHA 80 mg contains 20 mg of alcohol (ethanol) in each capsule.

The amount in each capsule of this medicine (NIVOCHA 20 mg, 30 mg, 80 mg) is equivalent to less than 1 ml beer or 1 ml wine. The small amount of alcohol in this medicine will not have any noticeable effects.

3. How to take NIVOCHA

Do not share medicines prescribed for you with any other person.

Always take NIVOCHA exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Your doctor will decide on the number and strength of capsules you should receive for your condition and also for how long you need to receive it. The dose is calculated based on your body weight and body height. The dose and duration of treatment will depend on how your body reacts to the treatment.

NIVOCHA should be swallowed with water. Do not chew, suck or dissolve the capsule. It is recommended to take the capsule with some food as this has shown to reduce the incidence of nausea and vomiting.

Your doctor will tell you how long your treatment with NIVOCHA will last. If you have the impression that the effect of NIVOCHA is too strong or too weak, tell your doctor or pharmacist.

If you take more NIVOCHA than you should

In the event of overdose, consult your doctor or pharmacist. If neither is available, contact the nearest hospital or poison centre.

If you forget to take NIVOCHA

Do not take a double dose to make up for forgotten individual doses.

4. Possible side effects

NIVOCHA can have side effects.

Not all side effects reported for NIVOCHA are included in this leaflet. Should you general health worsen or if you experience any untoward effects while taking NIVOCHA, please consult your health care provider for advice.

If any of the following happens, stop taking NIVOCHA and tell your doctor immediately or go to the casualty department at your nearest hospital:

- serious allergic reactions such as swelling of the hands, feet, ankles, face, lips and mouth or throat, which may cause difficulty in swallowing or breathing,
- if you develop a rash or itching, fainting.

These are all very serious side effects. If you have them, you may have had a serious reaction to NIVOCHA. You may need urgent medical attention or hospitalisation.

Tell your doctor immediately or go to the casualty department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of the following:

- anaemia (a low number of red blood cells in your blood with symptoms such as tiredness, lack of energy shortness of breath, irregular or fast heart beat),
- thrombocytopenia (a decreased number of blood platelets in your blood with symptoms such as easy and excessive bleeding, bruising easily and nose bleeds),
- shortness of breath,
- severe sepsis (a condition that occurs when your body has a strong immune response to an infection, which leads to widespread inflammation throughout the body) which can be fatal,
- pancytopenia (a decrease in the number of all types of blood cells with symptoms such as fatigue, weakness, bleeding problems, frequent infections, rapid heart rate, shortness of breath, headache) with marrow hypoplasia (a bone marrow disorder),
- heart problems caused by narrowed heart arteries
- gastrointestinal bleeding

These are all serious side effects. You may need urgent medical attention.

Tell your doctor if you notice any of the following:

Frequent side effects:

neutropenic infections (an infection resulting in a lack of certain white blood cells in your blood with symptoms such as fevers and frequent infections),

- reduction in blood cells (can only be seen when your doctor does blood tests),
- leucopenia (a decrease in the number of white blood cells in your blood with symptoms such as dizziness, fatigue, weakness, loss of appetite, low fever),
- loss of appetite,
- severe hyponatraemia (low level of soidum in the blood with symptoms such as nausea, headache, confusion and fatigue),
- insomnia (inability to sleep),
- loss of deep tendon reflexes (infrequently severe)
- headache,
- dizziness,
- visual impairment,
- heart failure and irregular heartbeat,
- abdominal pain,
- inflammation in the throat,
- difficulty in swallowing,
- liver disorders,
- alopecia (loss of hair from the head or body),
- pain in joints, or stiffness; difficulty in moving,
- muscle aching or cramping, muscle pain or stiffness; difficulty in moving,
- painful or difficult urination,
- vague feeling of bodily discomfort – body feels weak and tired,
- pain including pain at the tumour site,
- chills,
- weight loss, weight gain.
- nausea,
- vomiting,
- diarrhoea,
- inflammation of the mouth (sore mouth)
- constipation

Less frequent side effects:

- failure of muscular/muscle coordination
- paralytic ileus due to a bacterial or viral infection, is a condition that occurs when the muscle contractions that move food through your intestines are temporarily paralyzed

- nausea,
- vomiting,
- diarrhoea,
- inflammation of the mouth (sore mouth)
- constipation

Other significant side effects whose frequency is not known, but should be reported to your doctor immediately:

- syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone secretion (SIADH) (a condition in which high levels of the antidiuretic hormone (ADH) hormone cause the body to retain water),
- Heart attack (myocardial infarction)

If you notice any side effects not mentioned in this leaflet, please inform your doctor or pharmacist.

Reporting of side effects

If you get side effects, talk to your doctor , pharmacist or nurse. You can also report side effects to SAHPRA via Med Safety APP (Medsafety X SAHPRA) and eReporting platform (who-umc.org) found on SAHPRA website. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of NIVOCHA.

5. How to store NIVOCHA

Store all medicines out of reach of children.

Store in a refrigerator (2 °C – 8 °C).

Return all unused medicine to your pharmacist. Do not dispose of unused medicine in drains or sewerage systems (e.g. toilets).

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What NIVOCHA contains

The active substance is vinorelbine tartrate.

The other ingredients are anhydrous ethanol, purified water, glycerol and macrogol 400, gelatin, glycerol, partially dehydrated sorbitol liquid, titanium dioxide, ferric oxide yellow, ferric oxide red, purified water, printing ink, anhydrous ethanol, medium-chain triglycerides, shellac glaze ~ 45 % (20 % esterified) in ethanol, isopropyl alcohol, ferrosiferic oxide/black iron oxide, n-butyl alcohol, propylene glycol and ammonium hydroxide 28 %.

What NIVOCHA looks like and contents of the pack

Soft capsule.

20 mg soft capsule: an oval-shaped, light brown, soft capsule with black “20” printed on the surface (for 20 mg) with the size of 9,0 ± 0,9 mm x 7,0 ± 0,7 mm.

30 mg soft capsule: an oblong-shaped pink soft capsule with black “30” printed on the surface (for 30 mg) with the size of 15,0 ± 1,5 mm x 6,0 ± 0,6 mm.
80 mg soft capsule: oblong-shaped pale yellow soft capsule with black “80” printed on the surface (for 80 mg) with the size of 20,0 ± 2,0 mm x 8,0 ± 0,8 mm.

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