

IMMUNOTHERAPY

Immunotherapy is a type of cancer treatment that uses the body's natural defenses (the immune system) to identify, attack, and kill cancer cells. Not all people get all side effects. Be sure to tell your health care team about the side effects you have. **These are the latest immunotherapies that are available as of August 2020.**

TYPE OF IMMUNOTHERAPY	COMMON SIDE EFFECTS	IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW
<p>CHECKPOINT INHIBITOR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • atezolizumab (Tecentriq®) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatigue • Nausea and vomiting • Diarrhea • Cough • Headache • Decreased appetite <p>Abraxane®</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low white blood cells • Low red blood cells (anemia) • Constipation • Hair thinning/loss • Tingling or numbness in hands and feet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For triple negative breast cancer (TNBC) that is PD-L1 positive. • Given with Abraxane (chemo). • First immunotherapy regimen approved for breast cancer.

ASK ABOUT SPECIALTY PHARMACIES

Specialty pharmacies can be useful resources for people with cancer. They offer more services than your local drugstore. They are typically found in or near hospitals. Some are mail order. They work by mail, email, internet, and telephone. Their pharmacists:

- Are knowledgeable about cancer
- Can offer advice on drugs and interactions
- May be able to help find resources to help cover costs

Ask your health care team or insurance company if a specialty pharmacy is an option for you. Some cancer drugs may require a specialty pharmacy because of potential interactions.

Receiving Treatment through a Clinical Trial

Clinical trials are research studies with patients. Their goal is to find better ways to treat diseases like metastatic breast cancer. Many people with metastatic breast cancer get treatment in a clinical trial. Often, the most promising new approaches to treatment are only available through clinical trials.

KEY FACTS ABOUT CLINICAL TRIALS

- People who receive their treatment through a clinical trial receive high quality care.
- There are rules about who can join each trial, so they are not available for every patient.
- There are laws to protect the safety of people who participate.