

Bevacizumab 15 mg/kg

for Cervical and vaginal cancer

Regimen schedule

Next course of treatment, day 22

Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Bevacizumab	X																				

About your treatment

Bevacizumab (Avastin) is an antibody that inhibits the growth of cancer cells.

Each course is 21 days. Day 1, you get an IV. There is then a break of 20 days before a new course of treatment starts. During treatment, your blood tests and any side effects will be monitored.

Side effects - symptoms and tips

The side effects we list here are the most common and important. They can vary greatly from person to person, and even from time to time. Side effects may determine your dose or require you to stop taking the medicine.

Tell your doctor or nurse if you have any side effects. Often the symptoms can be prevented or alleviated.

Bleeding

You may have an increased risk of bleeding. For example, you may bleed easily from your nose or mouth. If you get a cut on your skin, you may bleed longer than usual. Surgical wounds may heal more slowly.

Tips: Be careful not to cut yourself. You can stop nosebleeds by squeezing the soft parts of your nose for 10 minutes. If this doesn't stop it, contact your doctor. Be attentive to oral hygiene, and use a soft toothbrush and mild toothpaste. Be careful with floss and toothpicks. Inform your dentist or other health care provider of your cancer treatment when you visit.

Blood clot

You may have an increased risk of blood clots. You can get a blood clot in a leg or arm, and it can hurt, and cause swelling or redness.

Hypertension

High blood pressure is common. Your blood pressure will be monitored during treatment, and you may need medication.

Protein in the urine

You may get protein in your urine. However, it does not cause any symptoms. You will be asked to provide a urine sample to check this.

Contact your clinic immediately at:

Acute

Call 112 in case of persistent acute chest pain, pressure on the chest or difficulty breathing/shortness of breath

Contact your clinic immediately at:

Fever (temp above 38 degrees) or at a temperature below 36 degrees

Sudden deterioration regardless of symptoms

Nosebleeds or other bleeding you cannot stop or bruising over large parts of the body

Severe new abdominal pain

Advice on living habits

Talk to your doctor or nurse about your lifestyle. Then you can get individual advice on diet, exercise, alcohol and tobacco. Here is some general advice:

- It's important to get the energy and nutrition your body needs. It helps you maintain your weight and energy levels, and reduces the risk of side effects.
- Exercise counteracts the fatigue that the disease and treatment can cause. Anything from walking to harder physical exercise can help.
- You should avoid alcohol during the treatment days. Alcohol can affect the liver's ability to break down drugs.
- You should not smoke. Smoking increases the risk of getting cancer again, and weakens your immune system.

General information about cancer

Useful information about cancer is available from both 1177 Vårdguiden and Cancerfonden:

www.1177.se

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Notes
