

- **Interstitial lung disease (ILD):** fever, cough, dyspnea, hypoxia; may be fatal
- Increased fluid intake to 2-3 L/day to prevent dehydration unless contraindicated

Evaluate:

- Therapeutic response: decreased tumor size, spread of malignancy

Teach patient/family:

- That total alopecia may occur; that hair grows back but is different in color and texture
- To avoid foods with citric acid, hot temperature, or rough texture if stomatitis is present; to drink adequate fluids
- To report stomatitis and any bleeding, white spots, ulcerations in mouth; to examine mouth daily; to report symptoms

Black Box Warning: To report signs of anemia: fatigue, headache, faintness, SOB, irritability

- Rinsing of mouth tid-qid with water, club soda; brushing of teeth bid-tid with soft brush or cotton-tipped applicator for stomatitis; to use unwaxed dental floss
- **To use effective contraception during treatment and for 6 mo after; that males should use contraception during and for 3 mo after final dose; not to breastfeed**
- To avoid OTC products without approval of prescriber
- To avoid driving or other activities requiring alertness
- To avoid vaccines, toxoids
- Not to crush, chew capsules
- Not to retake dose if vomiting occurs; to notify prescriber

RARELY USED

toremifene (Rx)
(tor-em'ih-feen)
Fareston
Func. class.: Antineoplastic
Chem. class.: Antiestrogen hormone

USES: Advanced breast carcinoma not responsive to other therapy in estrogen

receptor-positive patients (usually postmenopausal)

CONTRAINDICATIONS: Pregnancy, hypersensitivity, history of thromboembolism

Black Box Warning: QT prolongation

DOSAGE AND ROUTES

- **Adult: PO** 60 mg/day

torsemid (Rx)
(tor'suh-mide)
Demadex
Func. class.: Loop diuretic
Chem. class.: Sulfonamide derivative

ACTION: Acts on loop of Henle by inhibiting absorption of chloride, sodium, water

USES: Treatment of hypertension and edema with HE, ascites

CONTRAINDICATIONS: Infants, hypersensitivity to sulfonamides, anuria

Precautions: Pregnancy, breastfeeding, diabetes mellitus, dehydration, severe renal disease, electrolyte depletion, hypovolemia, syncope, ventricular dysrhythmias

DOSAGE AND ROUTES

HF diuresis

- **Adult: PO** 10-20 mg/day, may increase as needed, max 200 mg/day

Diuresis in chronic renal failure

- **Adult: PO** 20 mg/day, may increase to 200 mg/day

Hepatic cirrhosis

- **Adult: PO** 5-10 mg/day, may increase as needed, max 40 mg/day

Hypertension

- **Adult: PO** 5 mg/day, may increase to 10 mg/day

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Side effects: *italics* = common; **red** = life-threatening