DOXIL
(DOXORUBICIN LIPOSOMAL)

Doxil is given into the vein through a needle. Doxil is a red fluid given every 4 weeks. It is used to treat some kinds of cancer including breast cancer.

Most people do not have any side effects with Doxil.

Less Common Side Effects:

- Increased risk for infection, bleeding or anemia
- Nausea and vomiting – mild
- Sores in the mouth or on lips, taste changes
- Upset stomach diarrhea/constipation
- Urine color may be red-orange. This is common.
- Flu-like symptoms – headache, back pain
- Common hair thinning / hair loss
- Soreness and redness of palms of hands and soles of feet – notify your nurse/physician if uncomfortable
- Increased sensitivity of skin to sun exposure – use sunscreen
- Skin tissue damage if chemotherapy leaks out of the port

Rare Side Effects:

- Infusion-related allergic reaction with shortness of breath, flushing, chills, tightness of chest or throat, decreased blood pressure
- Changes in heart muscle function – uncommon with conventional doses

These are some of the common side effects for this medication. There are other side effects which are not mentioned here because they are less common, but may occur.

If you experience a fever of 100.4 or more report to the emergency room and notify your doctor’s office: 713-566-3552 (English) or 713-566-3551 (Spanish).