ADRIAMYCIN  
(DOXORUBICIN)

Adriamycin is given into the vein through a port. Adriamycin is a red fluid. It is commonly given every 2 or 3 weeks.

Side Effects:
- Increased risk for infection, bleeding or anemia
- Nausea and vomiting
- Mouth sores and throat irritation
- Hair loss
- Fatigue
- Diarrhea
- Darkening of color on skin and nails
- Urine color may be red-orange. This is normal.
- Skin tissue damage if chemotherapy leaks out of the port

Less Common Side Effects:
- Allergic reaction
- Weakening of the heart muscle function
- Risk of developing leukemia. This risk is less than one percent.

These are the most common side effects for this medication. Talk to your healthcare provider if your symptoms become difficult to manage. **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).