

Inlexzo™ (Gemcitabine Intravesical System)

Patient Guide

What is Inlexzo™?

INLEXZO™ is an innovative bladder cancer treatment approved for patients with certain types of **high-risk non-muscle invasive bladder cancer (NMIBC)** that have not responded to BCG therapy. It continuously releases the chemotherapy medication **gemcitabine** directly into the bladder over a 3-week period.

Unlike traditional intravesical treatments that are placed into the bladder and drained after a few hours, INLEXZO remains in the bladder and delivers medication continuously.

Procedure & Treatment Schedule

- INLEXZO™ is inserted into your bladder through a tube called a urinary catheter 1 time every 3 weeks for up to 6 months (8 doses) and then 1 time every 12 weeks for up to 18 months (6 doses).
- INLEXZO™ is removed after 3 weeks of being inserted via cystoscopy.
- Your healthcare provider may give you antibiotics before INLEXZO™ is inserted or removed.

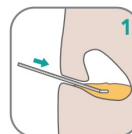


- Once every 3 weeks for 6 months

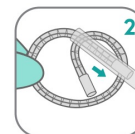


- Then, once every 12 weeks for the next 18 months

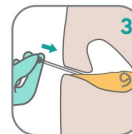
INSERTING INLEXZO



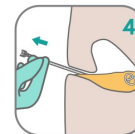
1 A healthcare provider will pass a tube (urinary catheter) via the urethra into your bladder.



2 As INLEXZO is passed into the tube, it uncurls and straightens.



3 Once inside your bladder, INLEXZO resumes its curled shape.



4 The tube will then be removed, and INLEXZO will remain inside your bladder.



BEFORE RECEIVING INLEXZO

- Do not empty your bladder right before your procedure to insert INLEXZO



Designed for patients with certain NMIBC not wanting or able to have bladder removal surgery



AFTER RECEIVING INLEXZO

- Drink about 6 to 7 cups (1500 mL) of fluids per day during treatment with INLEXZO to make sure you produce enough urine for the medicine to be released into the bladder
- You can urinate normally. There is no need to hold your urine
- Avoid contact between your skin and urine
- To urinate, **males and females** should sit on the toilet and flush after each use
- Wash your hands with soap and water and wash your genital area with water after each time you urinate
- Wash clothing soiled with urine right away and separately from other clothing
- There is no need to hold your urine after treatment, and you may urinate normally



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What are the side effects?

Most common bladder-related side effects include:



Frequent need to pass urine more often than usual



Urinary tract infection



Pain or burning sensation when passing urine



Urgent need to pass urine



Pain in the urinary tract (felt in the lower stomach area or lower back)



Blood in urine



Bladder irritation

Most common blood test-related side effects include:



- Decreases in blood cell counts (hemoglobin, white blood cells)
- Changes in your pancreas function blood tests (increased lipase)
- Changes in your kidney function blood tests (increased creatinine)
- Increased potassium level in the blood
- Changes in your liver function blood tests (increased aspartate aminotransferase, increased alanine transaminase)
- Decreased sodium level in the blood

These are not all the possible side effects, and they can vary from person to person.



MRI considerations

- Inform radiology personnel and healthcare providers that you have an INLEXZO™ device in place prior to undergoing MRI studies.

When to call If you develop fever >101F, inability to urinate, worsening blood in the urine, **please call our office**