

**ARSENIC TRIoxide - arsenic trioxide injection, solution**

Northstar Rx LLC

**WARNING: DIFFERENTIATION SYNDROME, CARDIAC CONDUCTION ABNORMALITIES AND ENCEPHALOPATHY INCLUDING WERNICKE'S**

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• Patients with acute premyopathic leukemia (APL) treated with arsenic trioxide have experienced differentiation syndrome, which can be fatal. Differentiation syndrome has been associated with increased mortality and decreased overall survival. Temporarily withhold arsenic trioxide if differentiation syndrome develops. If differentiation syndrome is severe, discontinue arsenic trioxide and consider alternative therapy. See Warnings and Precautions (5.1).	
• Patients with chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML) treated with arsenic trioxide have experienced encephalopathy, including Wernicke's, associated with arsenic trioxide. If encephalopathy occurs, temporarily withhold arsenic trioxide or discontinue.	
• Patients with myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) treated with arsenic trioxide have experienced encephalopathy, including Wernicke's, associated with arsenic trioxide. If encephalopathy occurs, temporarily withhold arsenic trioxide or discontinue.	

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• <b>Encephalopathy:</b> Patients with chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML) treated with arsenic trioxide have experienced encephalopathy, including Wernicke's, associated with arsenic trioxide. If encephalopathy occurs, temporarily withhold arsenic trioxide or discontinue.	
• <b>Myelodysplastic Syndrome:</b> Patients with myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) treated with arsenic trioxide have experienced encephalopathy, including Wernicke's, associated with arsenic trioxide. If encephalopathy occurs, temporarily withhold arsenic trioxide or discontinue.	

**ADVERSE REACTIONS**

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• <b>Cardiac Conduction Abnormalities:</b> Arsenic trioxide can cause QTc prolongation, which can be fatal. Before administering arsenic trioxide, measure the QTc interval. If the QTc is greater than 450 msec for men and 460 msec for women (see Table 1), do not administer arsenic trioxide. If the QTc is greater than 450 msec for men and 460 msec for women (see Table 1), reduce the dose by 50% and repeat the measurement after one week. If the QTc remains greater than 450 msec for men and 460 msec for women (see Table 1), discontinue arsenic trioxide. See Dosage and Administration (2.3), Warnings and Precautions (5.2).	
• <b>Encephalopathy:</b> Serious encephalopathy, including Wernicke's, has occurred in patients receiving arsenic trioxide for differentiation syndrome. Consider testing thiamine levels in patients at risk for thiamine deficiency. If thiamine deficiency is suspected, discontinue arsenic trioxide and provide thiamine. If Wernicke's encephalopathy occurs, temporarily withhold arsenic trioxide and initiate parenteral thiamine. Monitor until symptoms resolve or improve and thiamine levels normalize (see Warnings and Precautions 5.2).	
• <b>Hematologic Toxicity:</b> Arsenic trioxide can cause thrombocytopenia, leukopenia, and neutropenia. Consider discontinuing treatment if these adverse reactions occur. If they do not resolve, consider discontinuing treatment if the adverse reaction continues. See Dosage and Administration (2.3), Warnings and Precautions (5.2).	

**DRUG INTERACTIONS**

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• <b>Antidiarrheals:</b> Antidiarrheals may reduce the absorption of arsenic trioxide. If diarrhea occurs, temporarily withhold arsenic trioxide and discontinue if it does not resolve. If diarrhea continues, consider discontinuing treatment if the adverse reaction continues. See Dosage and Administration (2.3), Warnings and Precautions (5.2).	
• <b>Anticoagulants:</b> Arsenic trioxide may increase the risk of bleeding. If bleeding occurs, temporarily withhold arsenic trioxide and discontinue if it does not resolve. If bleeding continues, consider discontinuing treatment if the adverse reaction continues. See Dosage and Administration (2.3), Warnings and Precautions (5.2).	
• <b>Antihypertensives:</b> Arsenic trioxide may increase blood pressure. If hypertension occurs, temporarily withhold arsenic trioxide and discontinue if it does not resolve. If hypertension continues, consider discontinuing treatment if the adverse reaction continues. See Dosage and Administration (2.3), Warnings and Precautions (5.2).	

**DOSE AND ADMINISTRATION**

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• <b>Induction Cycle:</b> Recommended dose for Relapsed or Refractory APL is 0.15 mg/kg intravenously daily for 25 doses over a period of up to 5 weeks. If the QTc is greater than 450 msec for men and 460 msec for women (see Table 1), reduce the dose by 50% and repeat the measurement after one week. If the QTc remains greater than 450 msec for men and 460 msec for women (see Table 1), discontinue arsenic trioxide. See Dosage and Administration (2.3), Warnings and Precautions (5.2).	
• <b>Consolidation Cycle:</b> Recommended dose for Relapsed or Refractory APL is 0.15 mg/kg intravenously daily for 25 doses over a period of up to 5 weeks. If the QTc is greater than 450 msec for men and 460 msec for women (see Table 1), reduce the dose by 50% and repeat the measurement after one week. If the QTc remains greater than 450 msec for men and 460 msec for women (see Table 1), discontinue arsenic trioxide. See Dosage and Administration (2.3), Warnings and Precautions (5.2).	
• <b>Relapsed or Refractory CML:</b> Recommended dose for Relapsed or Refractory CML is 0.15 mg/kg intravenously daily for 25 doses over a period of up to 5 weeks. If the QTc is greater than 450 msec for men and 460 msec for women (see Table 1), reduce the dose by 50% and repeat the measurement after one week. If the QTc remains greater than 450 msec for men and 460 msec for women (see Table 1), discontinue arsenic trioxide. See Dosage and Administration (2.3), Warnings and Precautions (5.2).	

**CONTRAINDICATIONS**

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• <b>QTc Prolongation:</b> Arsenic trioxide can cause QTc prolongation, which can be fatal. Do not use arsenic trioxide in patients with a QTc greater than 450 msec for men and 460 msec for women (see Table 1). If the QTc is greater than 450 msec for men and 460 msec for women (see Table 1), do not administer arsenic trioxide. If the QTc is greater than 450 msec for men and 460 msec for women (see Table 1), reduce the dose by 50% and repeat the measurement after one week. If the QTc remains greater than 450 msec for men and 460 msec for women (see Table 1), discontinue arsenic trioxide. See Dosage and Administration (2.3), Warnings and Precautions (5.2).	
• <b>Wernicke's Encephalopathy:</b> Serious encephalopathy, including Wernicke's, has occurred in patients receiving arsenic trioxide for differentiation syndrome. Do not use arsenic trioxide in patients with a history of Wernicke's encephalopathy. If encephalopathy occurs, temporarily withhold arsenic trioxide and discontinue if it does not resolve. If encephalopathy continues, consider discontinuing treatment if the adverse reaction continues. See Dosage and Administration (2.3), Warnings and Precautions (5.2).	
• <b>Hematologic Toxicity:</b> Arsenic trioxide can cause thrombocytopenia, leukopenia, and neutropenia. Do not use arsenic trioxide in patients with a history of thrombocytopenia, leukopenia, and neutropenia. If these adverse reactions occur, temporarily withhold arsenic trioxide and discontinue if they do not resolve. If they continue, consider discontinuing treatment if the adverse reaction continues. See Dosage and Administration (2.3), Warnings and Precautions (5.2).	

**USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS**

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• <b>Pregnancy:</b> Category C. There is no evidence from studies in pregnant women that arsenic trioxide causes fetal harm. Do not use arsenic trioxide in pregnant women unless the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus. If arsenic trioxide is used during pregnancy, monitor the pregnant woman for signs and symptoms of differentiation syndrome, encephalopathy, and hematologic toxicity. If differentiation syndrome, encephalopathy, or hematologic toxicity occurs, discontinue arsenic trioxide. See Warnings and Precautions (5.1).	
• <b>Nursing:</b> It is not known whether arsenic trioxide appears in breast milk. Do not use arsenic trioxide in nursing mothers unless the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the infant. If arsenic trioxide is used during lactation, monitor the nursing mother for signs and symptoms of differentiation syndrome, encephalopathy, and hematologic toxicity. If differentiation syndrome, encephalopathy, or hematologic toxicity occurs, discontinue arsenic trioxide. See Warnings and Precautions (5.1).	
• <b>Geriatric Use:</b> No overall differences in effectiveness were observed between elderly patients and younger patients in controlled clinical trials. However, this population may be more susceptible to the toxic effects of arsenic trioxide. In general, use caution when giving arsenic trioxide to elderly patients, especially those with decreased renal function. See Dosage and Administration (2.3), Warnings and Precautions (5.2).	
• <b>Renal Impairment:</b> Arsenic trioxide is excreted primarily via the kidney. Use caution when giving arsenic trioxide to patients with renal impairment. See Dosage and Administration (2.3), Warnings and Precautions (5.2).	
• <b>Children:</b> Safety and effectiveness in children have not been established. Do not use arsenic trioxide in children. See Dosage and Administration (2.3), Warnings and Precautions (5.2).	
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other medications.  
See **Drug Interactions**.  
Aranesp® (darbepoetin alfa) is a hazardous drug. Follow applicable special handling and disposal procedures.

### 3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Injection: 10 mg/0.2 mL (1 mg/mL) aranesp® (darbepoetin alfa) clear solution in a single-dose vial.

### 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Aranesp® injection is contraindicated in patients with hypersensitivity to aranesp®.

### 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

**5.1 Differentiation Syndrome**  
Differentiation syndrome, which may be life-threatening if fatal, has been observed in patients receiving aranesp® injection. In Study PLEX021, 10% of patients receiving aranesp® had 15% to 23% of patients treated with aranesp® developed differentiation syndrome. Differentiation syndrome is characterized by fever, chills, hypoxia, acute respiratory distress, pulmonary infiltrates, pleural or peritoneal effusion, septic shock, and death. It is associated with an increase in serum lactate dehydrogenase, and it has occurred as early as 1 day of initiation to as late as 10 days after initiation of therapy. If differentiation syndrome is suspected, temporarily withhold aranesp® and immediately refer the patient to a medical facility for evaluation and hemodynamic monitoring until resolution of signs and symptoms for a minimum of 3 days (see **Contraindications**, **5.1** and **5.2** and **5.3** and **5.4** and **5.5** and **5.6** and **5.7** and **5.8** and **5.9** and **5.10** and **5.11** and **5.12** and **5.13** and **5.14** and **5.15** and **5.16** and **5.17** and **5.18** and **5.19** and **5.20** and **5.21** and **5.22** and **5.23** and **5.24** and **5.25** and **5.26** and **5.27** and **5.28** and **5.29** and **5.30** and **5.31** and **5.32** and **5.33** and **5.34** and **5.35** and **5.36** and **5.37** and **5.38** and **5.39** and **5.40** and **5.41** and **5.42** and **5.43** and **5.44** and **5.45** and **5.46** and **5.47** and **5.48** and **5.49** and **5.50** and **5.51** and **5.52** and **5.53** and **5.54** and **5.55** and **5.56** and **5.57** and 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#### **Other Clinically Relevant Adverse Reactions**

**Lymphocytosis**

- Aspirin can induce proliferation of leukemic promyelocytes resulting in a rapid increase in white blood cell count. Leukocytosis greater than 10 QL developed in rapidly increasing counts of ≥ 50% of baseline WBC counts is considered monotherapy for a relapsed/refractory APL. In the relapsed/refractory setting, a relationship did not exist between baseline WBC counts and development of hyperleukocytosis nor baseline WBC counts and peak WBC counts.

**C.2 Postmarketing Experience**

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The following adverse reactions have been identified during postapproval use of aramipirox. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure.

**Cardiovascular:** Severe extravasation in association with QT prolongation. A single case report of torsade de pointe associated with aramipirox in combination with QT prolonging, including torsade de pointe atrial fibrillation and congestive heart failure.

**Eye:** Adverse events associated with ocular hypertension.

**Hepatic:** Hepatitis, liver function test abnormalities.

**Hematologic disorders:** Purpura, bone marrow necrosis.

**Infectious:** Herpes zoster.

**Metabolic and nutritional disorder/abnormalities:** Hypertransaminase increased.

**Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders:** Bone pain, myalgia, rhabdomyolysis.

**Neoplasms benign, malignant and unspecified; carcinoma:** Melanoma, pancreatic cancer, squamous cell carcinoma.

**Nervous system disorders:** Peripheral neuropathy, paroxysm, seizure, confusion, cerebrovascular, Wernicke's encephalopathy, posterior reversible encephalopathy syndrome.

**Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders:** Toxic epidermal necrolysis.

**7 DRUG INTERACTIONS**

**Drugs That Can Prolong the QTcQTc Interval**

Concomitant use of these drugs and arsenic trioxide may increase the risk of serious QTcQTc interval prolongation [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]. Discontinue or replace with an alternative drug that does not prolong the QTcQTc interval while the patient is receiving arsenic trioxide. Monitor ECGs more frequently in patients when it is necessary to avoid concomitant use.

**Drugs That Can Lead to Electrolyte Abnormalities**

Electrolyte abnormalities increase the risk of serious QTcQTc interval prolongation [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]. Avoid concomitant use of drugs that can lead to electrolyte abnormalities, particularly if these drugs are used more frequently in patients who must receive arsenic trioxide.

receive concomitant use of these drugs and arsenic trioxide.  
**Drugs That Can Lead to Hepatotoxicity**  
Use of these drugs and arsenic trioxide may increase the risk of serious hepatotoxicity [see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)]. Discontinue or replace with an alternative drug that does not cause hepatotoxicity while the patient is using arsenic trioxide. Monitor liver function tests more frequently in patients when it is not feasible to avoid concomitant use.

#### **B USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS**

**8.1 Pregnancy**  
**Risk Summary**  
Based on the mechanism of action [see Clinical Pharmacology (12.1)] and findings in animal studies, arsenic trioxide can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman.

woman. Arsenic trioxide was embryolethal and teratogenic in rats when administered gestation day 9 at a dose approximately 10 times the recommended human daily dose on a mg/m<sup>2</sup> basis (see Data). A related trivalent arsenic, sodium arsinite, produced teratogenicity when administered during gestation in mice at a dose approximately 5 times the projected human dose on a mg/m<sup>2</sup> basis and in hamsters as an intravenous, d<sub>18</sub> arsipyridate solution in the range of 10-1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on a mmol/m<sup>2</sup> basis.

There are no studies with the use of arsenic trioxide in pregnant women, and limited published data on arsenic trioxide use during pregnancy are insufficient to inform a

drug-associated risk of major birth defects and miscarriage. Advise pregnant women the potential risk to a fetus.

The estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated population is unknown. Anogenital anomalies have a background risk of birth defect, loss, or other reproductive outcome of 1%. In the U.S. general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2% to 4% and 15% to 20%, respectively.

One patient reported to deliver a live infant with no reported congenital anomalies after receiving arsenic trioxide during the first month of pregnancy. A second patient reported to have a normal pregnancy outcome after treatment, and a third was reported to have a normal pregnancy outcome. A third patient was a pregnant healthcare provider who experienced dermal contact with liquid arachide trioxide and had a normal pregnancy outcome after treatment and monitoring. A fourth patient who was pregnant while receiving arsenic trioxide had a miscarriage.

In approximately 5 times the projected human dose on a mg/m<sup>2</sup> basis), on gestation days 6, 7, 8, or 9. Intravenous injection of 2 mg/kg sodium arsenite (approximately equivalent to the projected human daily dose on a mg/m<sup>2</sup> basis) on gestation day 7 (the lowest dose tested) resulted in neural-tube defects in hamsters.

**8.2 Lactation**  
**Breast-feeding:** Arsenic trioxide is excreted in human milk. There are no data on the effects of arsenic trioxide on the breastfed child or on milk production. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in a breastfed child, advise women not to breastfeed during treatment with arsenic trioxide and for 2 weeks after the final dose.

**8.3 Females and Males of Reproductive Potential**  
Arsenic trioxide can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman [see Use in Specific Populations (8.1)].

Conduct pregnancy testing in females of reproductive potential prior to initiation of arsenic trioxide.  
Contraception.  
**Females**  
Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with arsenic trioxide and for 6 months after the final dose.

**Males**  
Advise males with female partners of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with arsenic trioxide and for 3 months after the final dose.  
**Infertility**  
**Males**  
Based on testicular toxicities including decreased testicular weight and impaired spermatogenesis observed in animal studies, arsenic trioxide may impair fertility in males of reproductive potential [see *Nonclinical Toxicology (13.1)*].

#### **8.4 Pediatric Use**

patients with relapsed or refractory APL. Five patients below the age of 18 years (age range: 5 to 16 years) were treated with arsenic trioxide at the recommended dose of 0.15 mg/kg/day. A literature review included an additional 17 patients treated with arsenic trioxide for relapsed or refractory APL, with ages ranging from 4 to 21 years. Differences in efficacy and safety were observed by age.

**8.5 Geriatric Use**

Use of arsenic trioxide as monotherapy in patients with relapsed or refractory APL is supported by the open-label, single-arm trial that included 6 patients aged 65 and older (range: 65 to 73 years). A literature review included an additional 4 patients aged 69 to 72 years who were treated with arsenic trioxide for relapsed or refractory APL. No overall differences in safety or effectiveness were observed between these patients and younger patients.

**8.6 Renal Impairment**  
Exposure of arsenic trioxide may be higher in patients with severe renal impairment [see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]. Monitor patients with severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance [CLcr] less than 30 mL/min) frequently for toxicity; a dose reduction may be warranted.  
The use of arsenic trioxide in patients on dialysis has not been studied.

#### **8.7 Hepatic Impairment**

Since limited data are available across all hepatic impairment groups, caution is advised.  
the use of arsenic trioxide in patients with hepatic impairment [see Clinical Pharmacology].

(12.3)]. Monitor patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class C) frequently for toxicity.

Manifestations  
Manifestations of anxiety  
and confusion.

**Management**  
For symptoms of arsenic trioxide overdose, immediately discontinue arsenic trioxide and consider chelation therapy.  
A common treatment protocol for acute arsenic intoxication includes dimercaprol administered at a dose of 3 mg/kg intramuscularly every 4 hours until metabolic dysfunction and respiratory toxicity has subsided. Thereafter, penicillamine at a dose of 250 mg orally, up to a maximum frequency of four times per day ( $\leq 1$  g per day), may be given.





<b>ARSENIC TRIOXIDE</b> Arsenic trioxide injection, solution			
Product Information			
Product Type:	HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG	New Drug Code (NDC)	
Route of Administration:	INTRAVENOUS	NDC-P0003-300	
Active Ingredient/Active Mixture			
Ingredient Name	Batch of Strength		
arsenic trioxide 1 mg/mL STERILELY UNPACKAGED (100 mL)	ARSENIC TRIOXIDE 1 mg/mL		
Inactive Ingredients			
Ingredient Name	Strength		
EDTA-2S (EDTA-2S)			
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Packaging			
# (NDC Code)	Package Description	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date
300	30 mL X 1 CARTON	11/01/2004	
300	30 mL X 1 VIAL, STERILELY UNPACKAGED, Type D, Size 1		
Marketing Information			
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