Thalomid

Generic Name: thalidomide

Other Market Name: Synovir

Drug Class: Immunotherapy Medications

Company: Celgene

Approval Status: Approved

Generic Version Available: Yes

Drug Indication

Thalomid is an immunomodulator approved for multiple myeloma, in combination with dexamethasone.

General Info



Thalomid is an immunomodulatory that boosts immune function by stimulating T-cell and natural killer cell activity. In addition, it inhibits the growth of cancer cells and blocks development of blood vessels that feed tumors.

Clinical trials showed that Thalomid plus dexamethasone slows disease progression in people with newly diagnosed multiple myeloma.

Dosage

Dosing Info:

Thalomid is taken as is a once-daily pill. It should be used in combination with dexamethasone.

Side Effects

Common side effects include fatigue, swelling, constipation, muscle weakness, fever, skin rash, mental confusion, anxiety, drowsiness, dizziness and neuropathy (nerve damage). It can cause depletion of red blood cells (anemia), white blood cells (neutropenia) and platelets (thrombocytopenia), which can lead to infections and easy bleeding. Potential serious side effects include heart problems, deep vein thrombosis (blood clots), seizures, severe skin reactions and tumor lysis syndrome (metabolic abnormalities that can occur when many cancer cells are killed at once). Thalidomide can cause severe birth defects and should not be used by pregnant women or those who could become pregnant.

For More Info: https://www.thalomid.com/

Patient Assistance Program Info: https://www.celgenepatientsupport.com/

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