

## *Questions to ask your doctor:*

### **Questions about your diagnosis**

- What kind of cancer do I have?
- What is HER2 positive cancer?
- What stage is my cancer and how does it affect my treatment options?

### **What are my treatment options?**

- How long will I need to stay on these treatments?
- How will I know this treatment is working?

### **How will Kadcyla help me?**

- How do I get Kadcyla if it is not available in a public hospital?
- How much is it likely to cost?
- Who can I talk to regarding funding/health insurance to help me pay for Kadcyla?
- How long will I need to be on Kadcyla?
- How will I know if the treatment is working?
- What side effects can I expect to have?

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### **Kadcyla Breast Cancer Consumer Panel**

Kadcyla® (trastuzumab emtansine), 100mg and 160mg vials, is a **Prescription Medicine** used to treat patients with metastatic (spreading) breast cancer who have tumours with a large amount of the HER2 protein.

**Tell your doctor if:** you have had a serious infusion-related reaction to Herceptin (trastuzumab); you have a history of heart problems; you have any breathing or lung problems; you have liver problems; you have bleeding problems; you are receiving anti-coagulant treatment (blood thinning medication); you are pregnant or breast-feeding, or plan to become pregnant or breast-feed; you are taking any other medicines.

**Tell your doctor immediately or go to your nearest Accident and Emergency Centre if you notice any of the following:** swelling of your lips, face, tongue or throat with difficulty breathing; swelling of other parts of your body such as your hands, legs or feet; weight gain of more than 2 kilograms in 24 hours; shortness of breath, wheezing or trouble breathing; abnormal or irregular heartbeat; rash, itching or hives on the skin; flushing (warm, red) skin; pain or swelling at the site of infusion; feeling sick (nausea) or vomiting, diarrhoea; pain or discomfort (including stomach pain, back pain, chest or neck pain); fever or chills; headache; fatigue or tiredness; cough; dizziness or fainting; jaundice; dark urine; or loss of appetite.

**Possible common side effects may also include:** getting tired more easily after light physical activity; insomnia (difficulty sleeping); weakness, soreness in muscles and/or joints; numbness or weakness of arms and legs; bleeding or bruising more easily than normal; nose bleeds; feeling dizzy, tired, looking pale; flu and/or cold like symptoms, frequent infections such as fever, severe chills, sore throat or mouth ulcers; dry mouth; taste disturbance or loss of taste; constipation, vomiting, indigestion or diarrhoea; or eye problems such as producing more tears, swollen runny eyes or conjunctivitis .

Kadcyla has risks and benefits. Ask your Oncologist if Kadcyla is right for you. Use strictly as directed. If symptoms continue or you have side effects, see your healthcare professional. For further information on Kadcyla, please talk to your health professional or visit [www.medsafe.govt.nz](http://www.medsafe.govt.nz) for Kadcyla Consumer Medicine Information.

**Kadcyla is not funded by PHARMAC. You will need to pay the full cost of this medicine. A prescription charge and normal oncologist fees may apply.**

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