Treat tumour-induced hypercalcaemia when it starts

Malignant bone resorption can lead to a number of problems in bone.

Fortunately tumour-induced hypercalcaemia is a complication of bone resorption that responds well to early treatment with Aredia.

That's because Aredia prevents bone resorption by bisphosphonate inhibition.

Which is why Aredia has been shown to be so effective in restoring normocalcaemia and bringing relief to patients with tumour-induced hypercalcaemia.

Aredia® Dry Powder Prescribing Information Presentation

Vials containing either 15mg or 30mg of sterile lyophilised pamidronate disodium. This dry powder, after reconstitution and appropriate dilution is for slow intravenous infusion. **Indication** Tumour-induced hypercalcaemia. **Dosage** Adults and elderly: Depending on the initial calcium plasma level, 15-90mg by slow intravenous infusion in sodium chloride 0.9%. Infusion rate should not exceed 30mg/2hrs, and concentration should not exceed 30mg/250ml. Total dose can be given either as a single i.v. infusion or divided over 2-4 consecutive days. Rehydration with normal saline before treatment is recommended. Not recommended for children. See full prescribing information. **Contra-indications** Known hypersensitivity to pamidronate disodium or other bisphosphonates. **Precautions** Monitor clinical and biochemical effects. Do not administer as a bolus injection. Do not co-administer with other bisphosphonates, plicamycin (mithramycin) or calcium-containing infusion solutions. Caution in patients with severe renal insufficiency (multiple dosing recommended); haemodialysis; pregnancy. Theoretical interference with bone scintigraphy examinations. **Side-effects** Asymptomatic hypercalcaemia and transient pyrexia. Occasionally transient lymphocytopenia and hypomagnesaemia. Less frequently reactions at infusion sites and gastrointestinal effects. For further information see full prescribing information. **Legal category** POM. **Packs** packs containing four Aredia 15mg vials (PL0001/0167) and four 3ml solvvent ampoules of Water for Injections Ph.Eur. (PL0001/0169). basic NIS price £103.87; packs containing two Aredia 30mg vials (PL0001/0168) and two 10ml solvent ampoules of Water for Injections Ph.Eur. (PL0001/0169). £103.87. © denotes registered trademark. Full prescribing information is available on request from Ciba Laboratories, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 4AB. Telephone (0403) 272827.