**MEDICATION:** Aztreonam (Azactam®)

**USES:** To treat infections caused by bacteria

**ADMINISTRATION:** Intravenous

**Potential Side Effects:**
- Mild diarrhea, nausea or upset stomach
- Rash or hives
- Difficulty breathing
- Swelling of face, throat, or lips

(If you experience any of the side effects listed in **Bold** please contact your doctor immediately. The side effects listed above are those that occur most frequently. Other side effects may occur; please contact your doctor to report any new medical problems!)

**Warnings:**
- Inform your doctor if you are:
  1. allergic to any food or medicine,
  2. taking any non-cancer related prescriptions or over the counter drugs
- Ask your doctor or pharmacist before using any new medications including: prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, vitamins or herbal supplements.

**Additional Instructions:**
- Aztreonam is usually given at home every 8 hours through a CADD-Plus pump. You will need to be at the Cancer Center daily while being treated for the infection or when your blood counts are low. At the Center you will be examined, have blood drawn and receive another antibiotic intravenously. Your pump will then be re-supplied with one day’s worth of Aztreonam for infusion at home. The antibiotics will be stopped when the infection is gone or your blood counts increase.
- Make sure your doctor knows if you have kidney or liver disease.
- This medication may cause diarrhea, check with your doctor prior to taking any over-the-counter medication for it.