Ramucirumab (Cyramza®)
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How drug is given: by vein (IV infusion)

Purpose: to kill cancer cells in gastric cancer, gastro-esophageal junction cancer, and other cancers

Things that may occur during or within hours of treatment

1. An allergic reaction may occur. Tell your doctor or nurse right away if you feel dizzy or have fever, chills, chest pain, trouble breathing, itching, or a rash. You will be given a drug before you start ramucirumab that will try to keep this from happening.

2. Your blood pressure may go up. If this happens, you may be given medication to help with this. If you have headaches or dizziness, tell your doctor or nurse right away.

3. Loose stools or diarrhea may occur after the drug is given. You may take loperamide (Imodium A-D®) to help control diarrhea. You can buy this at most drug stores. It is also important to drink more fluids (water, juice, sports drinks). If these do not help within 24 hours, call your doctor or nurse.

Things that may occur a few days to weeks later

1. You may have an increased risk of bleeding. Please call your doctor or nurse right away if you feel like you are about to pass out, you feel light-headed, or you have new or sudden dizziness.

2. Wounds may heal more slowly than normal. If you notice changes in any surgical wounds, please talk with your doctor or nurse.
Things that may occur after treatment ends (even months to years later)

Fertility and Related Precautions:
- It is very important to use birth control if you are having sex, because this drug could be harmful to an unborn baby.
- Women should not breast-feed while receiving this drug.
- If you are concerned about any of this, please talk with your doctor or nurse.

The above information includes some, but not necessarily all, of the possible side effects of this medication. The side effects in this teaching sheet may not be the same ones you experience. Your side effects may be different, depending on how often you receive treatment (your schedule) and how much you receive each time (your dosage). Side effects may also vary if you take other medications. Please talk with your doctor or nurse if you have questions about possible side effects you may experience. This document should not take the place of conversations with members of your health care team.

If you experience any significant change in your health during or after treatment, contact a member of your health care team right away.

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