Sipuleucel-T (Provenge®)
(“si pu LOO sel tee”)

How this drug is given: by vein (IV)

Purpose: to stop the growth of cancer cells in prostate cancer

Things that may occur during or within hours of treatment

- An allergic reaction may occur. Let your doctor or nurse know right away if you have fever, chills, chest pain, trouble breathing, sudden headache, itching, rash, new joint or back pain or feel dizzy. You will be given drugs before each dose of sipuleucel-T to try and keep this from happening.

Things that may occur a few days to weeks later

1. Flu-like symptoms, such as fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, and/or joint aches, are common. If these occur, your doctor may suggest taking acetaminophen (Tylenol®) to help control the symptoms. Please let your doctor or nurse know if acetaminophen (Tylenol) does not help, since other medications may be prescribed.

2. Mild to moderate nausea, vomiting, and loss of appetite may occur. You may be given medicine to help with this.

3. You may feel pain or weakness in your joints or muscles. This may happen about 2 to 3 days after you get sipuleucel-T. This usually gets better in less than a week. If these bother you, ask your doctor or nurse what type of drugs you may use to help with this pain.

4. Headache, weakness, or dizziness may occur. You may take Tylenol® to help treat the headaches.

5. If you have difficulty breathing or have a dry cough, let your doctor or nurse know.

6. Some patients may feel very tired, also known as fatigue. You may need to rest or take naps more often. Mild to moderate exercise can also be helpful in maintaining your energy.

Things that may occur months to years after drug is given

- Fertility and Related Precautions: If you are concerned about fertility and related precautions, 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.