Amifostine (Ethyol®)
(“am-i-FOS-teen”)

How drug is given: injected into the vein (IV) or the skin (SC)

Purpose: To decrease some of the side effects of chemotherapy

Things that may occur during or within hours of treatment

1. You may feel lightheaded or dizzy and you may have redness of the face or neck. This could be due to a change in your blood pressure. This usually returns to normal quickly and does not require treatment. Your blood pressure will be checked often during the infusion.

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

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.