**How drug is given:** by vein (IV)

**Purpose:** to help eliminate methotrexate from the body and prevent complications associated with methotrexate

**Things that may occur during or within hours of treatment**

1. Facial flushing (warmth or redness of the face) itching or skin rash could occur. These symptoms are due to an allergic response and should be reported to your cancer care team right away.

2. Mild to moderate nausea or vomiting may occur. Drugs to help with this may be given to you.

3. Your blood pressure may drop or your heart rate may slow down while you are getting this drug. This usually goes back to normal on its own.

4. You may get a headache. Please talk to your doctor or nurse about what you can take for this.

**Things that may occur after your treatment ends (even months to years later)**

1. Fertility and Related Precautions:
   - It is still very important to use birth control if you are having sex, because this drug may be harmful to an unborn baby.
   - For women, your period (menstrual cycle) may not be regular for a while or may stop completely and you may not be able to get pregnant.
   - Women should not breastfeed 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 listed 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 are taking other medications. Please speak 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.*

THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS OR NOTES FOR THE PATIENT AND FAMILY: