



Leucovorin (folinic acid) ("loo-koe-VOR-in")

How drug is given: by vein (IV)

Purpose: to help 5-fluorouracil kill cancer cells in colon, breast and other cancers

Things that may occur during or within hours after each treatment

- Skin changes, such as dryness, itching, or a rash on your body, may occur. Ask your cancer care team what lotions or creams you may use.
- Leucovorin can **increase** the side effects of 5-fluorouracil, especially mouth sores and diarrhea. Please refer to the 5-fluorouracil drug sheet for mouth care instructions and control of diarrhea.
- It is **important** to report any problems to your cancer care team.

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.

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