



Medication: Leucovorin Rescue

Pronounced: "loo-koe-VOR-in"

How drug is given: By vein (IV) or by mouth

Purpose: To decrease the side effects of methotrexate.

Things that may occur during treatment

- Some patients may have mild nausea. You may be given medicine to help with this. **Please note:** If you cannot take the leucovorin because of nausea or vomiting, call your cancer care team right away. Your cancer team may recommend medicines to help with nausea; these should be taken 30 minutes before taking leucovorin.

Points to remember

- You will start taking leucovorin the day after you are given methotrexate.
- **This drug must be taken on schedule**, even if it means setting your alarm clock to wake up at the time a dose is due.
- Check the leucovorin schedule that was given to you by your nurse. Cross off each dose as you take it. If for any reason you cannot take your leucovorin, **call your cancer care team right away**.

The information in this document includes some, but not necessarily all, of the possible side effects of this medication. The side effects listed here 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 cancer care team if you have questions about possible side effects you may experience. This document should not take the place of conversations with members of your cancer care team.

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