



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. Tell your doctor or nurse right away if you have fever, chills, chest pain, trouble breathing, sudden headache, itching, rash, new joint or back pain, or dizziness. You will be given drugs before each dose 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, and muscle 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, because 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 a week or less. If these symptoms bother you, ask your doctor or nurse what type of drugs you may use to help.
4. Headache, weakness, or dizziness may occur. You may take Tylenol to help treat the headaches.
5. 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

- 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 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 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 about your treatment and side effects you may experience during and after treatment.

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

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