

Antineoplastics MEDICATION GUIDE

Common meds: Cytosan, Neosar, Lupron, Bleomycin, Methotrexate.

Read this Medication Guide before you start taking this drug and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This Medication Guide does not take the place of talking to your healthcare provider about your medical condition or treatment. You and your healthcare provider should talk about this drug when you start taking it and at regular checkups.

What is the most important information I should know about this drug?

- Do not use this drug if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant; use a good form of birth control while taking this drug.
- Do not use these drugs if you have ever had an allergic reaction to them.
- It is important to take this drug exactly as ordered by your healthcare provider.
- It may be necessary to have follow-up x-ray or blood tests while taking these drugs.
- There are many prescription drugs, non-prescription drugs, herbs and over the counter supplements that could interact with these drugs; Do Not start a new medication or supplement without talking to your Dr first.
- Avoid crowds and people who are sick while taking these drugs since your immune system may be compromised.

What kind of drug is this?

There are many kinds of antineoplastics. They mostly interfere with the growth of cancer cells and slow their growth and spread in the body. Some antineoplastics are used to treat other medical conditions, like arthritis, psoriasis, kidney problems, endometriosis and many more.

How should I take this drug?

Antineoplastics can be given many ways. Some are orally in pill form, others are by injection in the muscle or vein. Some can be done in the home, others must be done in a hospital or clinic.

What are the possible side effects of this drug?

- Each antineoplastic has its own side effects, but those most common for most of these drugs are nausea, vomiting, and hair loss.
- Get medical attention right away if you develop an allergic reaction: like hives, problems breathing, swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat.