Tan Tock Seng HOSPITAL

PHARMACY

Drug Information

Leucovorin (Folinic acid) Injection

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What is Leucovorin (Folinic acid)?

- Leucovorin (Folinic acid) is not a chemotherapy drug. It is commonly given in combination with other chemotherapy drugs such as Fluorouracil or Methotrexate to reduce the side effects from the chemotherapy, or to increase the effectiveness of chemotherapy.

How is Leucovorin Administered / Taken?

- Leucovorin is given as an injection into your vein (intravenous infusion).

Can Leucovorin be Administered / Taken With Other Medications?

- Please inform your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking other medications, including supplements, traditional or herbal remedies.

What are the Important Side Effects of Leucovorin?

Inform the nurses immediately during infusion of Leucovorin if you experience the following:

- Allergic reaction

  Leucovorin may rarely cause an allergic reaction while it's being given. Signs of a reaction may include: rashes, flushed or shortness of breath, swelling of your face or lips, feeling dizzy, having pain in your stomach, back or chest, or feeling unwell.

- Medications prescribed by your doctor should be beneficial for your condition even though they may result in some inevitable side effects.

If you develop rashes, facial swelling or shortness of breath after taking the medication, you could be allergic to the medication. Please seek medical attention immediately.

If you have any problem with your treatment, please contact your doctor, pharmacist or nurse clinician.