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## P A T I E N T I N F O R M A T I O N

The side effects listed below are those that occur most frequently. Other side effects may occur; please contact your doctor or oncology nurse to report any medical problems.

Dose \_\_\_\_\_

### CARMUSTINE (BiCNU®)

#### Early Side Effects

- a. Nausea and vomiting may occur. There are medications available to prevent or decrease these side effects. You may request these from your doctor.
- b. Pain or a burning sensation at the injection site may be experienced during the administration of Carmustine. If this occurs, notify your doctor or nurse immediately.
- c. Facial flushing may occur during Carmustine infusion. If this occurs, notify your doctor or nurse.

#### Late Side Effects

- a. Hair loss may occur three weeks after the drug has been administered. Your hair will grow back after the drug has been discontinued.
- b. Occasionally, patients notice a yellowing of the skin and the whites of their eyes or a darkening of their urine. Notify your doctor if you experience any of these signs of jaundice.
- c. A drop in blood cell counts usually occurs 4 or 6 weeks after treatment.
- d. **Avoid Tagemet.**

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