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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 _____

INTERLEUKIN-2 (IL-2)

Early Side Effects

- a. Fever, chills, aching muscles, and fatigue (flu-like symptoms) may occur. Tylenol (acetaminophen) may be taken to decrease the fever; consult your doctor or nurse.
- b. Mild nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and mouth sores
- c. Mild hypotension (low blood pressure).
- d. Rash and/or itching.
- e. Rarely, you may experience confusion, dizziness, and headaches.
- f. Irregular heartbeat and chest pain rarely occur.

Late Side Effects

- a. A drop in blood cell counts, especially low platelets.
- b. Weight gain and dry skin may occur.