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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 \_\_\_\_\_

### LEUCOVORIN CALCIUM (Folinic Acid) (Fluorouracil Therapy)

Leucovorin is the biologically active form of folic acid, a natural vitamin in the body.

Leucovorin therapy is given by vein either before or during fluorouracil (5FU) infusion. It increases the tumor cell killing effect of 5-FU. This effect may allow your doctor to use a lower dose of 5-FU to achieve the desired therapeutic effect.

#### **Side Effects**

a. Leucovorin can enhance the toxicity of 5-fluorouracil, especially the GI toxicities such as mouth/gum sores and diarrhea.