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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 _____

LORAZEPAM (Ativan®)

Use

- To assist in decreasing nausea and/or vomiting before, during, and after chemotherapy.
- To relieve mild anxiety and tension.
- To assist in falling asleep.

Routes of Administration

- Orally (by mouth).
- Intravenously (into the vein).
- Sublingually (under the tongue).

Possible Temporary Side Effects

- Drowsiness.
- Dry mouth.
- Short-term memory loss (only while taking Ativan®).

Instructions

- Do not drive a vehicle or operate machinery if you feel drowsy after taking Ativan®.
- This medication will add to the drowsiness caused by alcohol or other medications such as those taken for colds/allergies, sleep, pain, muscle spasms, or nausea. Use combinations of these medications with caution, and be sure to discuss their use with your doctor.