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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 _____

PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY

What is neuropathy? As a result of some therapies you may experience one or more of the following:

- Pins and needles.
- Cold and burning.
- Prickling or pinching in hands and/or feet.

Because of sensory loss, you will depend more on visual cues from your environment.

- Your room should be well lit.
- Keep a night light in your room and along the path you walk during the night to the bathroom.
- Handrails should always be on both sides of all stairways and hallways.
- Cover stairs with a non-slip surface.
- Clear stairways and hallways of objects: small area rugs, toys, and clutter.
- Tape or tack down carpet edges securely.
- If area rugs are used around sinks or in a bathroom, they should have a non-slip backing.