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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 _____

TOPOTECAN (Hycamtin®)

Early Side Effects

- a. Nausea, vomiting and decreased appetite can occur but are usually not severe.
- b. Headache, fatigue, fever and weakness (rare).
- c. Diarrhea, constipation and abdominal pain may occur.

Late Side Effects

- a. Hair loss will occur usually 7 - 10 days after treatment. This loss is temporary and your hair will grow back after the drug has been discontinued.
- b. A drop in blood cell counts will occur 7 - 14 days after treatment. Your doctor will monitor your cell counts with regular blood tests.