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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 _____

METHOTREXATE (MTX[®])

Early Side Effects

- a. Mild nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of appetite may occur.

Late Side Effects

- a. A drop in blood cell count usually occurs 4 to 10 days after treatment.
- b. Mouth ulcers may occur 2 - 7 days after treatment, as painful patches on the lips, gums and lining of the mouth. The sense of taste may be altered. Mouth care is important. Do not use commercial mouthwashes. Your nurse can advise you regarding a mouth care regimen.
- c. Skin rash may occur 1 to 3 days after treatment.
- d. You may experience sunburn/photosensitivity when the skin is exposed to the sun. The use of a sunscreen (SPF 20 or higher), or protective clothing is recommended to protect the skin.
- e. Hair loss may occur depending on dose. Your hair will grow back after the drug has been discontinued.