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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 _____

PAMIDRONATE (Aredia®)

Pamidronate is used to lower levels of calcium. It is also used to help decrease bone pain and reduce the risk of fractures.

How it is Given

- Intravenously (by vein) over _____ hours once every 3 - 4 weeks.

Pamidronate is generally very well tolerated. Possible side effects are listed below.

Early Side Effects

- a. Local irritation - redness, swelling or pain - may occur at the injection site if given in a peripheral (temporary) line.
- b. A fever may develop up to three days after treatment.

Late Side Effects

- a. A drop in calcium, phosphate, magnesium, and potassium levels may occur following treatment. Your physician will be monitoring these values on a regular basis.
- b. GI symptoms such as upset stomach, loss of appetite, abdominal pain, or nausea/vomiting may occur.
- c. Fatigue, muscle weakness or bone pain may rarely occur.