French Hospital Medical Center.
A Dignity Health Member

If you have any questions, please consult your physician or call Hearst Cancer Resource Center at 805.542.6234. For emergency, call 911.

PATIENT EDUCATION

Leustatin (Cladribine)

SIDE EFFECTS

It is important for the patient to follow all prescription instructions carefully. You may experience some, all, or none of the following:

- **Lowered Blood Counts** – This is temporary. During this time you are more susceptible to colds, infections, and bleeding. Blood tests may be done to monitor your blood counts.
- **Fever** – This generally occurs during the first month of treatment.
- **Rash** – Mild
- **Mild Nausea** – May occur. You may need to take some medication for this.
- **Fatigue** – Common
- **Headache** – Occasionally
- **Loss of Appetite**
- **Injection Site Reaction**

PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Notify your doctor or oncology nurse immediately if you experience:

- Signs of Infection: Chills or fever above 100.5°F, new or significant cough or shortness of breath, sudden weakness or fatigue, pain or burning with urination, a cold, a sore that looks infected, white patches in your mouth or on your tongue, or any other signs of infection.
- A new rash
- Any new or usual bleeding
- Uncontrolled nausea or vomiting or inability to eat or drink for 24 hours.
- Any redness, pain, or swelling at injection site.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- **Birth Control Measures** – are necessary during and for 4 months after treatment due to potential harm to sperm/egg health.
- **Before any dental procedure, be sure and tell your dentist you are taking this medication.**