

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

Thiotepa (Triethylenethiophosphoramide, TESPA, TPSA)

## SIDE EFFECTS

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

- **Nausea/Vomiting** This is usually mild.
- Loss of Appetite
- Lowered Blood Counts This is temporary and may occur about 14 days after treatment. During this time you are more susceptible to colds, infections, and bleeding. Lab tests may be done to monitor your blood counts.
- Pain at Injection Site with IM injections. Redness, swelling.
- Changes in Periods May miss periods
- Dizziness/Headache Mild
- Allergy Skin rash, hives, tightness in throat
- Mouth Sores
- **Hair Loss** Temporary and reversible
- Skin Changes Hives, skin rash

## **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, pain or burning with urination, a sore that is red and swollen, or white patches in your mouth or tongue.
- Signs of Bleeding: Nosebleeds that will not stop with pressure; blood in urine or stool; bleeding gums, unusual bruising; red or purple spots on your body; or a cut that takes longer than usual to stop bleeding.
- Uncontrolled nausea/vomiting or inability to eat or drink for 24 hours.
- Shortness of breath, wheezing, itching, tickle in throat
- Changes in menstrual cycle

## 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.
- Areas of previous Radiation Therapy may develop additional sensitivity.
- If dizzy or lightheaded, lie down till it passes.
- Drink more fluids to increase urine output.

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