French Hospital Medical Center.
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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

It is important for the patient to follow all prescription instructions carefully.

Velcade

- If you are going to experience side effects they will usually occur about 12 hours after treatment.
- Not everyone will have side effects. The most common side effects patients experience are diarrhea, constipation, nausea or vomiting. Your doctor will order anti nausea medication.
- For diarrhea we suggest you take an anti diarrhea medication such as Imodium AD (over the counter medication)
- For constipation a stool softener/laxative such as Senokot S (over the counter medication)
- For nausea or vomiting we will call in a prescription if needed.

Effects on Ability to Drive or Operate Machinery or Impairment of Mental Ability

- Velcade may be associated with fatigue, dizziness
- Low blood pressure occurring after treatment
- Visual disturbances double or blurred vision
- PATIENTS SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS WHEN OPERATING MACHINERY, INCLUDING AUTOMOBILES

Pregnancy/Nursing

If you are pregnant you should notify and speak to your doctor prior to starting Velcade treatment.

Additional Medications

Patients should be cautioned about the use of other medications currently being taken that may be associated with peripheral neuropathy (such as Amiodone, Anticirals, Isoniazid, or Nitrofunrantoin), or with a decrease in blood pressure.

Decrease In Sensation In Fingers Or Toes (Peripheral Neuropathy)

Patients should be instructed to contact their physicians if they experience new or worsening symptoms of peripheral neuropathy i.e. tingling, numbness in fingers or toes.