COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT: BEVACIZUMAB (AVASTIN®)

What does it look like?
• Clear liquid

How is it given?
• Injected into a vein. First dose is given over 90 minutes. Second dose is given over 60 minutes and, if tolerated, later doses are given over 30 minutes.

What are the most common side effects?
• May increase blood pressure.
• May increase protein in urine. This can cause possible kidney damage.
• Weakness
• Lowering of the white cell count, which may increase risk for infection
• Blood clots

What are the least common side effects?
• Nose bleeds
• Slow or incomplete wound healing
• A hole in the stomach or intestines: If you have pain in the stomach or abdomen or notice black stool or red blood in your stool, tell your doctor or nurse immediately.
• Bleeding at the tumor site
• Allergic reaction: itching, hives, rash, difficulty breathing, tightness in chest or throat, lower back pain, fever.

Special Considerations:
• If you have a history of high blood pressure, tell your doctor or nurse.
• If you have a history or congestive heart failure, tell your doctor or nurse. This medicine can worsen congestive heart failure.