COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT: CYCLOSPHOSPHAMIDE (CYTOXAN®)

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?
- Clear fluid or white tablets with blue specks

HOW IS IT GIVEN?
- This medicine is injected into a vein or taken by mouth

WHAT ARE THE MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS?
- Lowering of the white blood cell counts, which may increase your risk for infection.
- Lowering of the platelet count which may result in easy bruising or bleeding.
- Nausea and vomiting, usually controlled with anti-nausea medications
- Loss of appetite, taste changes
- Hair thinning

WHAT ARE THE LEAST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS?
- Bladder irritation and bleeding. Drinking a lot of fluids during the day of the injection and two days after receiving the injection usually prevents these problems. It is also important to urinate frequently. Tell your doctor or nurse if you notice blood in your urine or pain when urinating.
- A stuffy nose, sinus congestion, sneezing, watery eyes, and runny nose during or right after the treatment.
- Changes in menstrual cycle
- Lung problems

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:
People who take this medicine may be at risk for developing cancer like leukemia years after receiving this therapy.