

# Floxuridine (FUDR)

Floxuridine is an anti-cancer medicine that stops cell growth and division. This medicine is used to treat many types of cancer, especially those that have spread to the liver.

## How Is It Given?

- by IV (intravenous)
- by IV into the artery (intraarterial)

## What Side Effects May Occur?

This is a partial list of the side effects you may have with this medicine. You may have some, all or none of those listed, or you may have other side effects not listed. Most side effects last only a short time.

### Common:

- loss of appetite
- mouth sores
- diarrhea (loose stools)
- stomach pain
- skin rash
- painful, red, swollen or tingling hands or feet, or both

### Less common:

- hair loss
- nausea (feel like throwing up) or vomiting (throwing up)
- lowered white blood cell and platelet count
- heartburn
- tender gums or mouth

## Special Notes

- Floxuridine may be given through a pump put in your abdomen through surgery. This pump delivers the medicine right to the liver. The drug is usually given slowly over 14 days and is followed by a 14-day rest period.
- You may be given a medicine by mouth along with the floxuridine to help keep you from getting ulcers.
- Some medicines interact with floxuridine. Let your doctor know if you are taking any of the following:
  - amphotericin B (Fungizone<sup>®</sup>)
  - antithyroid medicines
  - azathioprine (Imuran<sup>®</sup>)
  - chloramphenicol (Chloromycetin<sup>®</sup>)
  - colchicine
  - flucytosine (Ancobon<sup>®</sup>)
  - ganciclovir (Cytovene<sup>®</sup>)
  - interferon (Intron A<sup>®</sup>, Roferon-A<sup>®</sup>)
  - plicamycin (Mithracin<sup>®</sup>)
  - zidovudine (AZT<sup>®</sup>, Retrovir<sup>®</sup>).
- You may have changes in your menstrual cycle or sperm count. Discuss birth control measures with your doctor. You should not get pregnant or father a child while taking this medicine.

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## When To Call Your Doctor

Call your doctor if you have:

- diarrhea
- mouth or lip sores
- stomach pain or heartburn
- redness or peeling of your hands or feet
- unexplained fever, chills or sore throat.

Ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you want more complete medicine information or if you have questions.