

# Leucovorin (Folinic Acid, Wellcovorin<sup>®</sup>, Citrovorum Factor)

## What is Leucovorin?

Leucovorin is a water-soluble vitamin used to help the effect of some chemotherapy medicines and prevent the side effects of others.

## How Is It Given?

- clear liquid by IV (intravenous)
- by mouth
- by injection (intramuscular)

## What Side Effects May Occur?

Leucovorin usually causes no side effects, but you may have an allergic reaction and pain at the IV site. You may have some, all or none of those listed, or you may have other side effects not listed. Call your doctor or nurse if you have any of the following:

- hives
- tightness in your chest
- faintness
- swollen lips, face or tongue
- facial flushing.

## Special Notes

- If you are being given this medicine along with the chemotherapy medicine methotrexate, it is extremely important to take your leucovorin on time.

Call your doctor or nurse right away if you miss a dose or are unable to keep the medicine down.

- Some medicines interact with leucovorin. Let your doctor know if you are taking any of the following:
  - phenobarbital
  - phenytoin (Dilantin<sup>®</sup>)
  - primidone (Mysoline).

## When To Call Your Doctor

You should call your doctor if you have:

- trouble breathing
- wheezing
- skin rash or hives
- swollen lips, face or tongue.

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