

# Thiotepa (Thioplex<sup>®</sup>, Tespa) for Bladder Instillation

## General Information

Thiotepa is an anti-cancer medicine that stops cell growth and division. This medicine is used to treat several types of cancer.

## How Is It Given?

- by a catheter into your bladder

## 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:

- bladder irritation
- skin irritation if urine comes into contact with skin

Less common:

- allergic reaction (skin rash, hives, shortness of breath)
- irregular menstrual periods
- loss of appetite
- lowered white blood cell and platelet counts

## Special Notes

- 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.

## When To Call Your Doctor

You should call your doctor if you have:

- fever, chills or sore throat
- unusual bleeding or bruising
- uncontrolled nausea or vomiting
- a frequent need to pass urine
- severe pain or difficulty when you pass urine
- blood in the urine
- abdominal pain.

Ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist for more information or if you have questions.