MEDICATION: Ceftazidime (Fortaz®)

USES: To treat bacterial infections. Often used after chemotherapy when white blood cell count is low.

ADMINISTERED: Intravenous

Potential Side Effects:
- Mild diarrhea or nausea
- Vaginal itching or discharge
- Rash or hives, swelling of the face, throat or lips
- Difficulty breathing

(If you experience any of the side effects listed in Bold please contact your doctor immediately. The side effects listed above are those that occur most frequently. Other side effects may occur; please contact your doctor to report any new medical problems!)

Warnings:
- Inform your doctor if you are:
  1. allergic to any food or medicine,
  2. taking any non-cancer related prescriptions or over the counter drugs
- Ask your doctor or pharmacist before using any new medications including: prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, vitamins or herbal supplements.

Additional Instructions:
- Inform your doctor if you have liver or kidney disease or if you have ever had colitis (i.e., inflammation of the colon).
- Ceftazidime is usually given at home every 8 hours through a CADD-Plus pump. You will need to be at the Cancer Center daily while being treated for the infection or when your blood counts are low. At the Center you will be examined, have blood drawn and receive another antibiotic intravenously. Your pump will then be re-supplied with one day’s worth of Ceftazidime for infusion at home. The antibiotics will be stopped when the infection is gone or your blood counts increase.