**Medication:** Amifostine (Ethyol®)

**Uses:** To protect the bladder from the harmful effects of anti-cancer medications. Also protects the salivary glands during some types of radiation therapy.

**Administration:** Intravenous or Subcutaneous

**Potential Side Effects:**
- Fever, chills
- Lowering of blood pressure
- Flushing or feeling of warmth, hiccups and sneezing during or following infusion
- Drop in calcium levels, rare
- Fatigue
- Severe nausea and/or vomiting
- Lightheadedness, dizziness
- Shortness of breath
- Mild rash

(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 a history of heart disease, stroke, or TIA (transient ischemic attack).
- Radiation therapy patients: drink adequate fluids prior to coming in for the daily infusion.