**MEDICATION:** Epirubicin (Ellence®)

**USES:** To treat breast cancer and is often used in combination with other chemotherapeutic agents

**ADMINISTRATION:** Intravenous

**Potential Side Effects:**
- Redness, swelling, or pain where IV is given (see additional instructions)
- Nausea, vomiting, mucositis and diarrhea
- Red color urine 1-2 days after the drug is administered
- Loss of appetite
- Hair loss, this is temporary and will grow back
- Skin irritation on areas previously exposed to radiation treatments
- Drop in blood cell counts within 10-14 days after treatment
- **Palpitations, chest pain, difficulty breathing or swelling of legs and ankles**

(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:**
- Leakage outside the vein during infusion of the drug may cause pain and skin damage. Contact your doctor if there is pain, burning, swelling, redness or tenderness in the area.
- Photosensitivity: Use sunscreen lotion (SPF 20 or higher) to protect yourself. Avoid prolonged exposure to the sun.
- Your doctor will monitor your heart functions with special tests prior to and after receiving a significant amount of the drug and before giving more of the drug.