**Medication:** Fluorouracil (5-Fluorouracil®)

**Uses:** To treat many types of cancers including those of the colon, rectum, ovarian, breast, pancreas, stomach and certain skin cancers

**Administration:** Intravenous or Cream

**Potential Side Effects:**
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite
- Change in taste sensations
- Hair loss (thinning) is temporary and will grow back
- Photosensitivity
- A drop in blood cell count within 7-21 days after treatment
- Temporary darkening of skin, changes in nail beds
- Eye irritation and/or excessive tearing, blurred vision
- Mouth sores may occur within 2-10 days treatment

(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:**
- Avoid alcohol and spicy foods if you have sensitive mouth sores as a result of taking this medication.
- Photosensitivity. May experience sunburn/photosensitivity if the skin is exposed to the sun. Use a sunscreen (SPF 20 or higher), avoid prolonged exposure to sunlight, and wear protective clothing.