**Drug Information Card**

**Medication:** Irinotecan (Camptosar®)

**Uses:** To treat cancers of the colon and rectum

**Administration:** Intravenous

**Potential Side Effects:**
- Nausea or vomiting, diarrhea
- Hair loss is temporary and will grow back
- Loss of appetite
- Mouth sores
- Drop in blood cell counts within 7-14 days after treatment
- Difficulty breathing (rare)

(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:**
- Diarrhea may be severe and may continue up to eleven days after initial treatment. Your doctor will prescribe an antidiarrheal agent (Loperamide) to help minimize this effect. Take Loperamide (also known as Imodium A-D®) at the first episode of poorly formed or loose stools or the earliest onset of bowel movements more frequent than normal. Take as directed until diarrhea resolves. Avoid use of laxatives, magnesium-containing antacids, or foods which may cause or worsen diarrhea. It is important to maintain adequate fluid intake to prevent dehydration.