**MEDICATION:** Leucovorin Calcium (Folinic Acid with Fluorouracil Therapy)

**Uses:** To increase the effects of Fluorouracil Therapy

**Administration:** Intravenous

**Potential Side Effects:**
- Allergic reactions including rash, itching
- Mouth/Gum sores
- Diarrhea
- Facial flushing (redness)
- Feeling warm
- **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 Information:**
- Leucovorin is the biologically active form of folic acid, a natural vitamin in the body.
- Leucovorin therapy is given before or during fluorouracil (5-FU) infusion. It increases the tumor cell killing effect of 5-FU. This effect may allow your physician to use a lower dose of 5-FU to achieve the desired therapeutic effect.