**Medication:** Pamidronate (Aredia®)

**Uses:** To treat hypercalcemia related to malignancy (too much calcium in the blood caused by tumors), Paget’s disease, and bone metastases (spread of cancer to the bones) and to diminish bone pain secondary to a malignancy

**Administration:** Intravenous

**Potential Side Effects:**
- Nausea, vomiting, constipation, and abdominal pain
- Loss of appetite
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Muscle weakness, bone pain, rarely occur
- Redness, swelling or pain at injection site
- **Difficulty breathing**

(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:**
- Inform your doctor if you have kidney disease, anemia, or low blood count.
- Since a drop in calcium, phosphate, magnesium and potassium levels may occur following treatment with Aredia, your doctor will monitor your blood regularly.