



# NEBRASKA CANCER SPECIALISTS

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## Leucovorin

**Other names:** Calcium Leucovorin

### Drug type:

Leucovorin is a reduced folic acid. Leucovorin is used in combination with other chemotherapy drugs to either enhance effectiveness, or as a chemoprotectant.

### How Leucovorin is given:

- Leucovorin is given through an infusion into a vein (intravenous, IV).
- As a tablet by mouth.

### Leucovorin side effects:

Important things to remember about the side effects of Leucovorin:

- You will not get all of the side effects mentioned below.
- Side effects are almost always reversible and will usually go away after therapy is complete.
- There are many options to minimize or prevent them.
- The side effects are likely from other chemotherapy medications being given in combination with it.

### The following are side effects experienced by some patients receiving Leucovorin:

- Allergic reaction: rash, itching, facial flushing. Rarely severe.
- Nausea and vomiting (rare)

### When to contact your doctor or health care provider:

Contact your health care provider ***immediately***, day or night, if you should experience any of the following symptoms:

- Shortness of breath, wheezing, difficulty breathing, closing up of the throat, swelling of facial features, hives (possible allergic reaction).

**Always inform your health care provider if you experience any unusual symptoms.**