



What do I need to know about Cyclophosphamide?

(say “sye-kloh-FAHS-fah-mide”)

Other names for this medicine include: Cytoxan®

Medicine is one of the tools your doctor has to treat your lupus. Taking medicine as your doctor suggests will improve your lupus. And it may prevent more serious health problems in the future. If you don't take your medicine, you may have more serious health problems in the future. If you don't take your medicine, you may have more serious health problems in the future.

- **Fever**
- **Chills**

- Feeling sick to your stomach
- Vomiting
- Feeling like you don't want to eat or drink anything
- Diarrhea (watery poop)
- Mouth sores
- Hair thinning
- Pain or blood when you urinate (pee)
- Painful, blistering rash

This medicine may...

- Make it easier for you to get infections. Wash your hands often and avoid people you know are sick.
- Irritate your bladder (the place where pee is). Drink at least 8 glasses of water each day to prevent bladder irritation. Your doctor may give you medicine for this, too.
- Make it harder for you to have children, if you need the medicine for a long time. Talk to your doctor about what can be done.
- Increase the chances you may get cancer in your blood and bladder. This depends on how much medicine you need. Your doctor will watch this by doing regular tests.

What are some things I need to know or do while I take this medicine?

- Tell your doctor about all medicines you use. This includes prescriptions, medicines you buy off the shelf at the store, vitamins, and herbal products. Do not start a new medicine without telling your doctor.
- It is important to know that many medicines do not mix well with alcohol.
- Talk to your doctor before getting any shots. Some shots can be harmful for you while you are taking this medicine. And some shots may not work while you are taking this medicine.
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What's the doctor's phone number? (585) 486-0901