

Amifostine Injection

Amifostine is a medication that helps protect normal tissue from side effects of some radiation treatments and chemotherapies. The medication will be given by way of injection under the skin. This is a daily injection and you will need to come in at least **45 minutes earlier** than your radiation treatment.

Before coming in for your Amifostine injection

- Drink at least 2 cups of liquid (non-alcoholic).
- Take your anti-nausea medicine at least 1 hour before coming for treatment.

Common side effects include

- Redness at the injection site
- Nausea and vomiting
- Fever or flushing
- Low blood pressure

When should you call your Physician or Nurse?

- A fever greater than 100.5° F (38.0° C)
- Swelling at the injection site
- Rash, hives, or itching
- Nausea and unable to eat or drink
- Bruising or bleeding at the injection site
- Light-headedness or dizziness

Here is a Checklist of things to do before your treatment

- Drink your water.
- Take your anti-nausea medicine.
- Take any other medications ordered.

Note: If you forget to take your medications, or are having problems drinking or eating, please let your nurse or your physician know before the injection.