



GEMCITABINE **(Gemsar)**

Drug is an antimetabolite. Administered IV as a 1-2 hr infusion.

Flu-like symptoms commonly occur after administration and can last for 24 - 48 hours. Symptoms can range from low grade fever to muscle and joint aches. Take Tylenol as needed to control symptoms.

Nausea and vomiting may occur. Take antiemetics as needed.

Fatigue is a common complaint.

Skin rash can occur and may be pruritic (itchy). Let your nurse know if a rash develops. Benadryl and steroid cream will help control the symptoms.

There can be some hair thinning to moderate hair loss.

Affects all blood cells, but more often the white blood cells and platelets. When your counts will drop to the lowest depends on the treatment schedule. Typically the counts start to drop within 21 days of treatment. The dose of the drug may be changed depending on how low your blood counts go.



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