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BCG INTRAVESICAL TREATMENTS

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WHAT IS IT?

BCG is a therapy used to treat (or prevent the recurrence of) your type of bladder cancer.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

Once a week for 6 weeks, your nurse will instill BCG into your bladder with a small catheter. You will be asked not to urinate for two hours after each treatment. It is during this time that BCG is working to eliminate your tumors or prevent them from recurring.

WHAT TO DO AFTER EACH TREATMENT?

You will be asked not to urinate for two hours after each treatment. Whenever you do urinate (for 6 hours after each treatment) be sure you do the following:

- Men should sit, rather than stand, to urinate.
- After urinating, pour approximately 2 cups of undiluted liquid bleach into the toilet and let it stand for 15 minutes before flushing.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR?

During the 6 weeks of treatment, be sure to tell your doctor as soon as possible if you have any unusual symptoms. Also notify the doctor if any of the following symptoms occur:

- Blood in urine
- Fever, chills, and/or rashes
- Increased frequency or painful urination
- Nausea and/or vomiting
- Joint pain
- Cough

Any of the above symptoms could be a sign that you may have an infection that must be treated immediately with an antibiotic.

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