

INSTILLATION OF BACILLUS CALMETTE-GUÉRIN (BCG) VACCINE INTO THE BLADDER

As with any drug, there may be unfavorable side effects due to the instillation of BCG into the bladder. You are encouraged to report any reactions to your physician or to one of the urology nurses promptly for evaluation.

COMMON AND REVERSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF BCG:

- Flu-like symptoms including joint pain, cough, and/or fever
- Abdominal lymph node swelling
- Frequent urination due to bladder inflammation causing your bladder to hold less urine
- Possible increased sensitivity to certain antibiotics
- Blood in the urine

MORE SERIOUS AND REVERSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF BCG:

- Uncommon allergic reaction including several types of skin rashes
- Wheezing with shortness of breath
- Drop in blood pressure with possible loss of consciousness
- Possible local infections which may involve the liver, lungs, prostate, bladder and/or kidneys.
- Widespread BCG infection with fever, night sweats, cough and liver and/or lung involvement

MORE SERIOUS AND IRREVERSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF BCG:

- Life-threatening and fatal systemic infections

Although this drug has been extensively tested, there is a possibility of other side effects occurring which have not been seen previously.

Should side effects occur, additional drugs may be prescribed.

No guarantees can be made that your cancer will be cured. A return of the cancer may prompt other treatment which might include surgery, radiation, chemotherapy and/or other types of medications that will be placed into your bladder.

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT YOUR PHYSICIAN, THE UROLOGIST ON-CALL OR THE UROLOGY CLINIC MEDICAL STAFF IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT ANY UNUSUAL OR SEVERE REACTIONS.

I have read the above information concerning the side effects of BCG. I realize that further treatments or procedures may be needed to treat recurrence of the cancer or complications of the treatment.

Patient Signature _____ Date _____

Witness Signature _____ Date _____