



## For the Patient: UGIAVPANI

Other Names: Palliative third line treatment of metastatic cancer of the colon or rectum using Panitumumab

**UGI** = Undesignated, **G**astroIntestinal

**AV** = Advanced

**PANI** = Panitumumab

### ABOUT THIS MEDICATION

#### What are these drugs used for?

- Panitumumab is a drug given to treat cancer of the colon or rectum.

#### How do these drugs work?

- Panitumumab is a monoclonal antibody, a type of protein designed to target and interfere with the growth of cancer cells.

### INTENDED BENEFITS

- This therapy is being given to destroy and/or limit the growth of cancer cells in your body. This treatment may improve your current symptoms, and delay the onset of new symptoms.
- It may take several treatments before your doctor can judge whether or not this treatment is helping.

### TREATMENT SUMMARY

#### How are these drugs given?

- Panitumumab is given directly into the vein (IV).
- You will receive panitumumab at the clinic by a chemotherapy nurse, for **one day only**. Your treatment will last about **one and a half** or **two hours**. Your first treatment will probably take longer, as the nurse will review information on the chemotherapy drug with you.
- The treatment is repeated every 2 weeks. This 2 week period of time is called a “cycle”. The cycle is usually repeated as long as you are benefiting from treatment and not having too many side effects, as determined by your oncologist.

**The calendar on the following page shows how the medication is given each 2 week cycle.**

C Y C L E	DATE	TREATMENT PLAN
		▶ Week 1 → Panitumumab IV on day 1 only
	1	▶ Week 2 → no treatment

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		▶ Week 1 → Panitumumab IV on day 1 only
	2	▶ Week 2 → no treatment

**Treatment is continued as long as you are benefiting from treatment and not having too many side effects.**

### What will happen when I get my drugs?

- A **blood test** is done each cycle, on or before the first day of each treatment cycle. The dose and timing of your chemotherapy may be changed based on your blood counts and/or other side effects.

### Side Effects

- The doctor will review the risks of treatment and possible side effects with you before starting treatment.
- The chemotherapy nurse will review possible side effects and how to manage those side effects with you on your first day of treatment.
- Unexpected and unlikely side effects can occur with any drug treatment. Please refer to the patient information handout titled "***For the Patient: panitumumab***" for a complete list of possible side effects and their management.

### Medication Interactions

- At present, no information is available regarding possible interactions with panitumumab. Please tell doctors, dentist, and other health care professionals that you are being treated with panitumumab before you receive any treatment from them.

**If you experience symptoms or changes in your body that have not been described above but worry you, or if any symptoms are severe, contact:**

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