



For the Patient: UGIPNSUNI

Other Names: Palliative Treatment of Advanced Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumours using Sunitinib

UGI = Undesignated, GastroIntestinal

PN = Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumours

SUNI = Sunitinib

ABOUT THIS MEDICATION

What is this drug used for?

- Sunitinib is a drug used in the treatment of pancreatic neuroendocrine tumours.

How does this drug work?

- Sunitinib works by interfering with certain enzymes called tyrosine kinases that play a role in how cells grow, and also helps prevent the growth of new blood vessels from surrounding tissue to a cancer. By doing so, sunitinib helps prevent an increase in the number of cancer cells.

INTENDED BENEFITS

- This drug 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 or prevent the onset of new symptoms.
- It may take several treatments before your doctor can judge whether or not this medicine is helping.

TREATMENT SUMMARY

How is this drug given?

- Sunitinib is usually given once daily.
- It is a capsule that is taken by mouth.
- It is taken continuously, as long as you are responding to the drug and not having too many side effects, as determined by your doctor.

What will happen when I get my drugs?

- A blood test is done on a regular basis, to monitor the effects of the drug on your body. The dose and frequency of your treatment may change, 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 pharmacist will review how to take the medication and possible side effects with you on the day you first pick up your medication.
- Unexpected and unlikely side effects can occur with any treatment. Please refer to the patient information handout titled "***For the patient: sunitinib***".

Medication Interactions

Some drugs may interact with everolimus and you may need extra blood tests or your doses may need to be changed. See "***For the patient: sunitinib***".

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:

_____ at telephone number: _____