

## FOLINIC ACID (injection)

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### What does it do?

*Folinic acid* is used to reduce some of the side effects of methotrexate. It is also sometimes used for other conditions.

### Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you have blood problems, vitamin B12 deficiency or have ever had a seizure.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.

### How is it given?

*Folinic acid* is given as an infusion into a vein or an injection into a muscle .

### What if you forget a dose?

*Folinic acid* will be given to you by a health professional. If you are unable to attend an appointment, contact your health professional as soon as possible.

### Can you take other medicines?

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products or recreational drugs.

### What side effects might you notice?

| Side Effects   | Recommended action           |
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| Symptoms of allergy including: skin rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing | Tell your doctor immediately |

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.

### Other information:

- *Folinic acid* is different to folic acid. You should not take folic acid if prescribed *folinic acid* by your doctor.
- This medicine is also known as calcium folinate.