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Actofotan (Pemetrexed) Pemetrexed for Injection 100mg and 500mg vials

ACTOFORAN ® (PEMETREXED FOR INJECTION) is used with another chemotherapy (anti-cancer) medication to treat malignant pleural mesothelioma (a type of cancer that affects the inside lining of the chest cavity). Pemetrexed is also used to treat non-small cell lung cancer. ACTOFORAN ® (PEMETREXED FOR INJECTION) is in a class of medications called antifolate antineoplastic agents. It works by blocking the action of a certain substance in the body that may help cancer cells multiply.

How should this medicine be used?

ACTOFORAN ® (PEMETREXED FOR INJECTION) comes as a solution (liquid) to be injected into a vein. Pemetrexed is administered by a doctor or nurse in a medical office or infusion center. It is usually given once every 21 days.

Your doctor will probably tell you to take other medications, such as folic acid (a vitamin), vitamin B12, and a corticosteroid such as dexamethasone (Tecadron) to decrease some of the side effects of this medication. Your doctor will give you directions for taking these medications. Follow your doctor's directions carefully. Ask your doctor or pharmacist to explain any part you do not understand. If you miss a dose of one of these medications, call your doctor.

Your doctor will ask you to have regular blood tests before and during treatment with ACTOFORAN ® (PEMETREXED FOR INJECTION). Your doctor may change your dose of pemetrexed or delay treatment based on the results of the blood tests.

Ask your pharmacist or doctor for a copy of the manufacturer's information for the patient.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved pemetrexed disodium injection