

LOMUSTINE (CCNU, CeeNU)

Type of Drug: Alkylating Agent

How is it Given?

- Oral (by mouth, capsules)

How Does it Work?

- Interferes with the growth of cancer cells

Common Side Effects:

- Low blood counts (occurs 3-6 weeks after treatment begins)
- Nausea/Vomiting

Less Common Side Effects:

- Mouth sores
- Taste changes
- Abnormal liver function tests
- Kidney damage (rare and only at high doses)
- Lung damage (rare and only at high doses)

Note:

- It is best to take this medicine at bedtime or on an empty stomach. Do not eat for 2 hours after taking this medicine because food can interfere with absorption.