

# **MECHLORETHAMINE (Nitrogen Mustard, Mustargen)**

**Type of Drug:** Alkylating Agent

**How is it Given?**

- Intravenous (IV) – into a vein or central line

**How Does it Work?**

- Interferes with the growth of cancer cells

**Common Side Effects:**

- Low blood counts
- Nausea/Vomiting
- Metallic taste
- Redness, burning, inflammation along the vein used for infusion
- Abnormal menstrual cycle

**Less Common Side Effects:**

- Ringing in ears
- Hearing loss
- Hair loss
- Joint pain
- Diarrhea
- Swelling in feet or lower legs

**Note:**

- This medicine can be irritating to tissue if it leaks out into the vein. Tell the person giving the medicine if you feel any pain or burning while it is being given.
- Chewing gum or sucking on candy may help to decrease the metal taste in your mouth.