

## Home Health VNA IV Medication Clinical Fact Sheet

**NOTE: THIS IS A PART B DRUG UNDER THE NEW HIT BENEFIT**

Medicare patients may only be accepted under contract with New England Life Care and clinician must follow specific documentation instructions

IV Medication: Cytarabine/Ara-C Risk Level: 2  
Med Class: Chemotherapy

Common Uses: Cancer  
Labs to Monitor: CBC c diff + Plts

Instructions/Precautions: Obtain order for prophylactic antiemetics;  
N/V, Bleeding, Neutropenia, Neurotoxic;  
Can be given IV Push, 100-200 mg over 1-3  
minutes

First Dose Allowed: 

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Central Line Only: 

Y
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IV Push: 

Y
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Vesicant: 

N
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See Procedure Manual: Med Chemotherapeutic agents

Notes: Only drugs listed as First Dose Allowed may be given in the home as a first dose and are considered for a first dose on a case by case basis by the IV Program Manager  
The IV Manager and/or Clinical Director must be consulted before a first dose referral is accepted

Risk Levels: n/a = Routinely given; Clinician must be approved to administer IV medications  
1= IV Program Mgr or Clinical Director approval before referral is accepted  
2= IV Program Mgr notification; Clinicians must review Special Instructions