

# 1 ETHYOL<sup>®</sup>

2 (amifostine) for Injection

3 **Rx only**

## 4 DESCRIPTION

5 ETHYOL (amifostine) is an organic thiophosphate cytoprotective agent known  
6 chemically as 2-[(3-aminopropyl)amino]ethanethiol dihydrogen phosphate (ester) and has  
7 the following structural formula:



9 Amifostine is a white crystalline powder which is freely soluble in water. Its empirical  
10 formula is C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>PS and it has a molecular weight of 214.22.

11 ETHYOL is the trihydrate form of amifostine and is supplied as a sterile lyophilized  
12 powder requiring reconstitution for intravenous infusion. Each single-use 10 mL vial  
13 contains 500 mg of amifostine on the anhydrous basis.

## 14 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

15 ETHYOL is a prodrug that is dephosphorylated by alkaline phosphatase in tissues to a  
16 pharmacologically active free thiol metabolite. This metabolite is believed to be  
17 responsible for the reduction of the cumulative renal toxicity of cisplatin and for the  
18 reduction of the toxic effects of radiation on normal oral tissues. The ability of ETHYOL  
19 to differentially protect normal tissues is attributed to the higher capillary alkaline  
20 phosphatase activity, higher pH and better vascularity of normal tissues relative to tumor  
21 tissue, which results in a more rapid generation of the active thiol metabolite as well as a  
22 higher rate constant for uptake into cells. The higher concentration of the thiol metabolite  
23 in normal tissues is available to bind to, and thereby detoxify, reactive metabolites of  
24 cisplatin. This thiol metabolite can also scavenge reactive oxygen species generated by  
25 exposure to either cisplatin or radiation.

26 **Pharmacokinetics:** Clinical pharmacokinetic studies show that ETHYOL is rapidly  
27 cleared from the plasma with a distribution half-life of < 1 minute and an elimination  
28 half-life of approximately 8 minutes. Less than 10% of ETHYOL remains in the plasma 6  
29 minutes after drug administration. ETHYOL is rapidly metabolized to an active free thiol  
30 metabolite. A disulfide metabolite is produced subsequently and is less active than the  
31 free thiol. After a 10-second bolus dose of 150 mg/m<sup>2</sup> of ETHYOL, renal excretion of the  
32 parent drug and its two metabolites was low during the hour following drug  
33 administration, averaging 0.69%, 2.64% and 2.22% of the administered dose for the  
34 parent, thiol and disulfide, respectively. Measurable levels of the free thiol metabolite  
35 have been found in bone marrow cells 5-8 minutes after intravenous infusion of  
36 ETHYOL. Pretreatment with dexamethasone or metoclopramide has no effect on  
37 ETHYOL pharmacokinetics.

38 **Clinical Studies**

39 **Chemotherapy for Ovarian Cancer and Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer.** A randomized  
40 controlled trial compared six cycles of cyclophosphamide 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, and cisplatin 100  
41 mg/m<sup>2</sup> with or without ETHYOL pretreatment at 910 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, in two successive cohorts of  
42 121 patients with advanced ovarian cancer. In both cohorts, after multiple cycles of  
43 chemotherapy, pretreatment with ETHYOL significantly reduced the cumulative renal  
44 toxicity associated with cisplatin as assessed by the proportion of patients who had 40%  
45 decrease in creatinine clearance from pretreatment values, protracted elevations in serum  
46 creatinine (>1.5 mg/dL), or severe hypomagnesemia. Subgroup analyses suggested that  
47 the effect of ETHYOL was present in patients who had received nephrotoxic antibiotics,  
48 or who had preexisting diabetes or hypertension (and thus may have been at increased  
49 risk for significant nephrotoxicity), as well as in patients who lacked these risks. Selected  
50 analyses of the effects of ETHYOL in reducing the cumulative renal toxicity of cisplatin  
51 in the randomized ovarian cancer study are provided in TABLES 1 and 2, below.

52 **TABLE 1**  
53 **Proportion of Patients with 40% Reduction in Calculated Creatinine Clearance\***

|               | <b>ETHYOL+CP</b> | <b>CP</b>    | <b>p-value<br/>(2-sided)</b> |
|---------------|------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| All Patients  | 16/122 (13%)     | 36/120 (30%) | 0.001                        |
| First Cohort  | 10/63            | 20/58        | 0.018                        |
| Second Cohort | 6/59             | 16/62        | 0.026                        |

54 \*Creatinine clearance values were calculated using the Cockcroft-Gault formula,  
55 *Nephron* 1976; 16:31-41.

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**TABLE 2**  
**NCI Toxicity Grades of Serum Magnesium Levels**  
**for Each Patient's Last Cycle of Therapy**

| <b>NCI-CTC Grade:<br/>(mEq/L)</b> | <b>0<br/>&gt;1.4</b> | <b>1<br/>1.4-&gt;1.1</b> | <b>2<br/>1.1-&gt;0.8</b> | <b>3<br/>0.8-&gt;0.5</b> | <b>4<br/>0.5</b> | <b>p-value*</b> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>All Patients</b>               |                      |                          |                          |                          |                  |                 |
| ETHYOL +CP                        | 92                   | 13                       | 3                        | 0                        | 0                | 0.001           |
| CP                                | 73                   | 18                       | 7                        | 5                        | 1                |                 |
| <b>First Cohort</b>               |                      |                          |                          |                          |                  |                 |
| ETHYOL+CP                         | 49                   | 10                       | 3                        | 0                        | 0                | 0.017           |
| CP                                | 35                   | 8                        | 6                        | 3                        | 1                |                 |
| <b>Second Cohort</b>              |                      |                          |                          |                          |                  |                 |
| ETHYOL+CP                         | 43                   | 3                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                | 0.012           |
| CP                                | 38                   | 10                       | 1                        | 2                        | 0                |                 |

60 \* Based on 2-sided Mantel-Haenszel Chi-Square statistic.

61 In the randomized ovarian cancer study, ETHYOL had no detectable effect on the  
62 antitumor efficacy of cisplatin-cyclophosphamide chemotherapy. Objective response  
63 rates (including pathologically confirmed complete remission rates), time to progression,  
64 and survival duration were all similar in the ETHYOL and control study groups. The  
65 table below summarizes the principal efficacy findings of the randomized ovarian cancer  
66 study.

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**TABLE 3**  
**Comparison of Principal Efficacy Findings**

|  | <b>ETHYOL +CP</b>  | <b>CP</b>          |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Complete pathologic tumor response rate</b> | 21.3%              | 15.8%              |
| <b>Time to progression (months)</b>            |                    |                    |
| Median ( $\pm$ 95% CI)                         | 15.8 (13.2, 25.1)  | 18.1 (12.5, 20.4)  |
| Mean ( $\pm$ Std error)                        | 19.8 ( $\pm$ 1.04) | 19.1 ( $\pm$ 1.58) |
| Hazard ratio<br>(95% Confidence Interval)      | .98 (.64, 1.4)     |                    |
| <b>Survival (months)</b>                       |                    |                    |
| Median ( $\pm$ 95% CI)                         | 31.3 (28.3, 38.2)  | 31.8 (26.3, 39.8)  |
| Mean ( $\pm$ Std error)                        | 33.7 ( $\pm$ 2.03) | 34.3 ( $\pm$ 2.04) |
| Hazard ratio<br>(95% Confidence Interval)      | .97 (.69, 1.32)    |                    |

69 A Phase II trial of ETHYOL, 740-910 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, and cisplatin, 120 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, administered on  
 70 day 1 and vinblastine, 5mg/m<sup>2</sup>, administered on days 1, 8, 15 and 22 of each monthly  
 71 cycle was conducted in 25 patients with Stage IV non-small cell lung cancer. This  
 72 regimen was repeated until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity occurred, or a  
 73 maximum of six cycles had been administered. Among 13 patients who received 4 or  
 74 more cycles of this intensive cisplatin regimen, 1 had a 40% reduction in creatinine  
 75 clearance. These results are consistent with the randomized ovarian cancer trial.

76 Sixteen of the 25 patients treated demonstrated a partial response to chemotherapy. With  
 77 a median follow-up of 19 months, the median survival was 17 months. At one year, 64%  
 78 of the patients were alive. These results indicate that ETHYOL may not adversely affect  
 79 the efficacy of this chemotherapy for non-small cell lung cancer.

80 **Radiotherapy for Head and Neck Cancer.** A randomized controlled trial of standard  
 81 fractionated radiation (1.8 Gy - 2.0 Gy/day for 5 days/week for 5-7 weeks) with or  
 82 without ETHYOL, administered at 200 mg/m<sup>2</sup> as a 3 minute i.v. infusion 15-30 minutes  
 83 prior to each fraction of radiation, was conducted in 315 patients with head and neck  
 84 cancer. Patients were required to have at least 75% of both parotid glands in the radiation  
 85 field. The incidence of Grade 2 or higher acute (90 days or less from start of radiation)  
 86 and late xerostomia (9-12 months following radiation) as assessed by RTOG Acute and  
 87 Late Morbidity Scoring Criteria, was significantly reduced in patients receiving  
 88 ETHYOL (TABLE 4).

89 **TABLE 4**  
 90 **Incidence of Grade 2 or Higher Xerostomia**  
 91 **(RTOG criteria)**

|  | ETHYOL +RT   | RT            | p-value  |
|--|--------------|---------------|----------|
| <b>Acute</b><br>( 90 days from<br>start of radiation)      | 51% (75/148) | 78% (120/153) | p<0.0001 |
| <b>Late<sup>a</sup></b><br>(9-12 months<br>post radiation) | 35% (36/103) | 57% (63/111)  | p=0.0016 |

92 <sup>a</sup>Based on the number of patients for whom actual data were available.

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94 At one year following radiation, whole saliva collection following radiation showed that  
 95 more patients given ETHYOL produced >0.1 gm of saliva (72% vs. 49%). In addition,  
 96 the median saliva production at one year was higher in those patients who received  
 97 ETHYOL (0.26 gm vs. 0.1 gm). Stimulated saliva collections did not show a difference  
 98 between treatment arms. These improvements in saliva production were supported by the  
 99 patients' subjective responses to a questionnaire regarding oral dryness.  
 100 In the randomized head and neck cancer study, locoregional control, disease-free survival  
 101 and overall survival were all comparable in the two treatment groups after one year of  
 102 follow-up (see TABLE 5).

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**TABLE 5**  
**Comparison of Principal Efficacy Findings at 1 Year**

|   | ETHYOL +RT              | RT    |
|---|-------------------------|-------|
| <b>Locoregional Control Rate<sup>a</sup></b>  | 76.1%                   | 75.0% |
| Hazard Ratio <sup>b</sup>                     | 1.013                   |       |
| 95% Confidence Interval                       | (0.671, 1.530)          |       |
| <b>Disease-Free Survival Rate<sup>a</sup></b> | 74.6%                   |       |
| Hazard Ratio <sup>b</sup>                     | 70.4%                   |       |
| 95% Confidence Interval                       | 1.035<br>(0.702, 1.528) |       |
| <b>Overall Survival Rate<sup>a</sup></b>      | 89.4%                   |       |
| Hazard Ratio <sup>b</sup>                     | 82.4%                   |       |
| 95% Confidence Interval                       | 1.585<br>(0.961, 2.613) |       |

105 <sup>a</sup>1 year rates estimated using Kaplan-Meier method  
 106 <sup>b</sup>Hazard ratio >1.0 is in favor of the ETHYOL + RT arm

107 **INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

108 **ETHYOL (amifostine) is indicated to reduce the cumulative renal toxicity associated**  
 109 **with repeated administration of cisplatin in patients with advanced ovarian cancer**  
 110 **or non-small cell lung cancer.**

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 112 **ETHYOL is indicated to reduce the incidence of moderate to severe xerostomia in**  
 113 **patients undergoing post-operative radiation treatment for head and neck cancer,**  
 114 **where the radiation port includes a substantial portion of the parotid glands (see**  
 115 **Clinical Studies).**

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 117 For the approved indications, the clinical data do not suggest that the effectiveness of  
 118 cisplatin based chemotherapy regimens or radiation therapy is altered by ETHYOL.

119 There are at present only limited data on the effects of ETHYOL on the efficacy of  
120 chemotherapy or radiotherapy in other settings. ETHYOL should not be administered to  
121 patients in other settings where chemotherapy can produce a significant survival benefit  
122 or cure, or in patients receiving definitive radiotherapy, except in the context of a clinical  
123 study (see WARNINGS).

## 124 **CONTRAINDICATIONS**

125 ETHYOL is contraindicated in patients with known sensitivity to aminothiols compounds.

## 126 **WARNINGS**

### 127 1. Effectiveness of the Cytotoxic Regimen

128 Limited data are currently available regarding the preservation of antitumor efficacy  
129 when ETHYOL is administered prior to cisplatin therapy in settings other than advanced  
130 ovarian cancer or non-small cell lung cancer. Although some animal data suggest  
131 interference is possible, in most tumor models the antitumor effects of chemotherapy are  
132 not altered by amifostine. ETHYOL should not be used in patients receiving  
133 chemotherapy for other malignancies in which chemotherapy can produce a significant  
134 survival benefit or cure (e.g., certain malignancies of germ cell origin), except in the  
135 context of a clinical study.

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### 137 2. Effectiveness of Radiotherapy

138 ETHYOL should not be administered in patients receiving definitive radiotherapy, except  
139 in the context of a clinical trial, since there are at present insufficient data to exclude a  
140 tumor-protective effect in this setting. ETHYOL was studied only with standard  
141 fractionated radiotherapy and only when 75% of both parotid glands were exposed to  
142 radiation. The effects of ETHYOL on the incidence of xerostomia and on toxicity in the  
143 setting of combined chemotherapy and radiotherapy and in the setting of accelerated and  
144 hyperfractionated therapy have not been systematically studied.

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### 146 3. Hypotension

147 Patients who are hypotensive or in a state of dehydration should not receive ETHYOL.

148 Patients receiving ETHYOL at doses recommended for chemotherapy should have  
149 antihypertensive therapy interrupted 24 hours preceding administration of ETHYOL.

150 Patients receiving ETHYOL at doses recommended for chemotherapy who are taking  
151 antihypertensive therapy that cannot be stopped for 24 hours preceding ETHYOL  
152 treatment, should not receive ETHYOL.

153 Prior to ETHYOL infusion patients should be adequately hydrated. During ETHYOL  
154 infusion patients should be kept in a supine position. Blood pressure should be  
155 monitored every 5 minutes during the infusion, and thereafter as clinically indicated. It is  
156 important that the duration of the 910 mg/m<sup>2</sup> infusion not exceed 15 minutes, as  
157 administration of ETHYOL as a longer infusion is associated with a higher incidence of  
158 side effects. For infusion durations less than 5 minutes, blood pressure should be  
159 monitored at least before and immediately after the infusion, and thereafter as clinically  
160 indicated. If hypotension occurs, patients should be placed in the Trendelenburg position  
161 and be given an infusion of normal saline using a separate i.v. line. During and after  
162 ETHYOL infusion, care should be taken to monitor the blood pressure of patients whose

163 antihypertensive medication has been interrupted since hypertension may be exacerbated  
164 by discontinuation of antihypertensive medication and other causes such as IV hydration.

165 Guidelines for interrupting and restarting ETHYOL infusion if a decrease in systolic  
166 blood pressure should occur are provided in the DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION  
167 section. Hypotension may occur during or shortly after ETHYOL infusion, despite  
168 adequate hydration and positioning of the patient (see ADVERSE REACTIONS and  
169 PRECAUTIONS). Hypotension has been reported to be associated with dyspnea, apnea,  
170 hypoxia, and in rare cases seizures, unconsciousness, respiratory arrest and renal failure.

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#### 172 4. Hypersensitivity

173 Allergic manifestations including anaphylaxis and severe cutaneous reactions have been  
174 associated rarely with ETHYOL administration. Serious cutaneous hypersensitivity  
175 reactions have included erythema multiforme, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, toxic  
176 epidermal necrolysis, toxoderma and exfoliative dermatitis, which have been reported  
177 more frequently when ETHYOL is used as a radioprotectant (see ADVERSE  
178 REACTIONS). Some of these reactions have been fatal or have required hospitalization  
179 and/or discontinuance of therapy. Patients should be carefully monitored prior to, during  
180 and after ETHYOL administration (see PRECAUTIONS).

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#### 182 5. Nausea and Vomiting

183 Antiemetic medication should be administered prior to and in conjunction with ETHYOL  
184 (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION). When ETHYOL is administered with highly  
185 emetogenic chemotherapy, the fluid balance of the patient should be carefully monitored.

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#### 187 6. Hypocalcemia

188 Serum calcium levels should be monitored in patients at risk of hypocalcemia, such as  
189 those with nephrotic syndrome or patients receiving multiple doses of ETHYOL (see  
190 ADVERSE REACTIONS). If necessary, calcium supplements can be administered.

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## **PRECAUTIONS**

### 192 **General**

193 Patients should be adequately hydrated prior to the ETHYOL infusion and blood pressure  
194 should be monitored (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

195 The safety of ETHYOL administration has not been established in elderly patients, or in  
196 patients with preexisting cardiovascular or cerebrovascular conditions such as ischemic  
197 heart disease, arrhythmias, congestive heart failure, or history of stroke or transient  
198 ischemic attacks. ETHYOL should be used with particular care in these and other patients  
199 in whom the common ETHYOL adverse effects of nausea/vomiting and hypotension may  
200 be more likely to have serious consequences.

201 Prior to chemotherapy, ETHYOL should be administered as a 15-minute infusion (see  
202 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION). Blood pressure should be monitored every 5  
203 minutes during the infusion, and thereafter as clinically indicated.

204 Prior to radiation therapy, ETHYOL should be administered as a 3-minute infusion (see  
205 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION). Blood pressure should be monitored at least  
206 before and immediately after the infusion, and thereafter as clinically indicated.

207 **Allergic Reactions**

208 In case of severe acute allergic reactions ETHYOL should be immediately and  
209 permanently discontinued. Epinephrine and other appropriate measures should be  
210 available for treatment of serious allergic events such as anaphylaxis. ETHYOL should  
211 also be permanently discontinued for serious or severe cutaneous reactions (see  
212 WARNINGS and ADVERSE REACTIONS) or for cutaneous reactions associated with  
213 fever or other constitutional symptoms not known to be due to another etiology.  
214 ETHYOL should be withheld and dermatologic consultation and biopsy considered for  
215 cutaneous reactions or mucosal lesions of unknown etiology appearing outside of the  
216 injection site or radiation port and for erythematous, edematous or bullous lesions on the  
217 palms of the hand or soles of the feet. Reinitiation of ETHYOL should be at the  
218 physician's discretion based on medical judgment and appropriate dermatologic  
219 evaluation.  
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221 **Drug Interactions**

222 Special consideration should be given to the administration of ETHYOL in patients  
223 receiving antihypertensive medications or other drugs that could cause or potentiate  
224 hypotension.

225 **Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility**

226 No long term animal studies have been performed to evaluate the carcinogenic potential  
227 of ETHYOL. ETHYOL was negative in the Ames test and in the mouse micronucleus  
228 test. The free thiol metabolite was positive in the Ames test with S9 microsomal fraction  
229 in the TA1535 *Salmonella typhimurium* strain and at the TK locus in the mouse L5178Y  
230 cell assay. The metabolite was negative in the mouse micronucleus test and negative for  
231 clastogenicity in human lymphocytes.

232 **Pregnancy**

233 Pregnancy Category C. ETHYOL has been shown to be embryotoxic in rabbits at doses  
234 of 50 mg/kg, approximately sixty percent of the recommended dose in humans on a body  
235 surface area basis. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women.  
236 ETHYOL should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the  
237 potential risk to the fetus.

238 **Nursing Mothers**

239 No information is available on the excretion of ETHYOL or its metabolites into human  
240 milk. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk and because of the potential for  
241 adverse reactions in nursing infants, it is recommended that breast feeding be  
242 discontinued if the mother is treated with ETHYOL.

243 **Pediatric Use**

244 The safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients have not been established.

245 **Geriatric Use**

246 The safety Clinical studies did not include sufficient number of subjects aged 65 and over  
247 to determine whether they respond differently from younger subjects. Other reported  
248 clinical experience has not identified differences in responses between elderly and



249 younger patients. In general, dose selection for an elderly patient should be cautious,  
 250 reflecting the greater frequency of decreased hepatic, renal, or cardiac function and of  
 251 concomitant disease or other drug therapy in elderly patients.

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253 **ADVERSE REACTIONS**

254 **Controlled Trials**

255 In the randomized study of patients with ovarian cancer given ETHYOL at a dose of 910  
 256 mg/m<sup>2</sup> prior to chemotherapy, transient hypotension was observed in 62% of patients  
 257 treated. The mean time of onset was 14 minutes into the 15-minute period of ETHYOL  
 258 infusion, and the mean duration was 6 minutes. In some cases, the infusion had to be  
 259 prematurely terminated due to a more pronounced drop in systolic blood pressure. In  
 260 general, the blood pressure returned to normal within 5-15 minutes. Fewer than 3% of  
 261 patients discontinued ETHYOL due to blood pressure reductions. In the randomized  
 262 study of patients with head and neck cancer given ETHYOL at a dose of 200 mg/m<sup>2</sup> prior  
 263 to radiotherapy, hypotension was observed in 15% of patients treated. (TABLE 6)

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**TABLE 6**  
**Incidence of Common Adverse Events in Patients Receiving ETHYOL**

|                        | <b>Phase III Ovarian Cancer<br/>Trial (WR-1)<br/>910 mg/m<sup>2</sup></b> |                     | <b>Phase III Head and<br/>Neck Cancer Trial (WR-38)<br/>200 mg/m<sup>2</sup></b> |                     |
|------------------------|---|---------------------|--|---------------------|
|                        | <b>Per Patient</b>  | <b>Per Infusion</b> | <b>Per Patient</b>   | <b>Per Infusion</b> |
| <b>Nausea/Vomiting</b> |   |                     |  |                     |
| Grade 3                | 36/122 (30%)  | 53/592 (9%)         | 12/150 (8%)  | 13/4314 (<1%)       |
| All Grades             | 117/122 (96%)   | 520/592 (88%)       | 80/150 (53%)   | 233/4314 (5%)       |
| <b>Hypotension</b>     |   |                     |  |                     |
| Grade 3 <sup>a</sup>   | 10/122 (8%)   |                     | 4/150 (3%)   |                     |
| All Grades             | 75/122 (61%)  | 159/592 (27%)       | 22/150 (15%)   | 46/4314 (1%)        |

266 <sup>a</sup>According to protocol-defined criteria. WR-1: requiring interruption of infusion; WR-  
 267 38: drop of >20mm Hg.

268 In the randomized study of patients with head and neck cancer, 17% (26/150)  
 269 discontinued ETHYOL due to adverse events. All but one of these patients continued to  
 270 receive radiation treatment until completion.

271 Hypotension that requires interruption of the ETHYOL infusion should be treated with  
 272 fluid infusion and postural management of the patient (supine or Trendelenburg position).  
 273 If the blood pressure returns to normal within 5 minutes and the patient is asymptomatic,  
 274 the infusion may be restarted, so that the full dose of ETHYOL can be administered.

275 Short term, reversible loss of consciousness has been reported rarely

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277 Nausea and/or vomiting occur frequently after ETHYOL infusion and may be severe. In  
278 the ovarian cancer randomized study, the incidence of severe nausea/vomiting on day 1  
279 of cyclophosphamide-cisplatin chemotherapy was 10% in patients who did not receive  
280 ETHYOL, and 19% in patients who did receive ETHYOL. In the randomized study of  
281 patients with head and neck cancer, the incidence of severe nausea/vomiting was 8% in  
282 patients who received ETHYOL and 1% in patients who did not receive ETHYOL.

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284 Decrease in serum calcium concentrations is a known pharmacological effect of  
285 ETHYOL. At the recommended doses, clinically significant hypocalcemia has occurred  
286 rarely (<1%) (see WARNINGS).

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288 Other effects, which have been described during, or following ETHYOL infusion are  
289 flushing/feeling of warmth, chills/feeling of coldness, fever, dizziness, somnolence,  
290 hiccups and sneezing. These effects have not generally precluded the completion of  
291 therapy.

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#### 293 Clinical Trials and Pharmacovigilance Reports

294 Allergic reactions characterized by one or more of the following manifestations have  
295 been observed during or after ETHYOL administration: hypotension, fever, chills/rigors,  
296 dyspnea, hypoxia, chest tightness, cutaneous eruptions, urticaria and laryngeal edema.  
297 Serious, sometimes fatal skin reactions including erythema multiforme, and in rare cases,  
298 exfoliative dermatitis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome and toxic epidermal necrolysis have  
299 occurred. The reported incidence of serious skin reactions associated with ETHYOL is  
300 higher in patients receiving Ethyol as a radioprotectant than in patients receiving Ethyol  
301 as a chemoprotectant. Rare anaphylactoid reactions and cardiac arrest have also been  
302 reported.

303 Hypotension, usually brief systolic and diastolic, has been associated with one or more of  
304 the following adverse events: apnea, dyspnea, hypoxia, tachycardia, bradycardia,  
305 extrasystoles, chest pain, myocardial ischemia and convulsion. Rare cases of renal  
306 failure, myocardial infarction, respiratory and cardiac arrest have been observed during or  
307 after hypotension. (See WARNINGS and PRECAUTIONS)

308 Rare cases of arrhythmias such as atrial fibrillation/flutter and supraventricular  
309 tachycardia have been reported. These are sometimes associated with hypotension or  
310 allergic reactions.

311 Transient hypertension and exacerbations of preexisting hypertension have been observed  
312 rarely after ETHYOL administration.

313 Seizures and syncope have been reported rarely. (See WARNINGS and PRECAUTIONS)

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#### 315 **OVERDOSAGE**

316 In clinical trials, the maximum single dose of ETHYOL was 1300 mg/m<sup>2</sup>. No  
317 information is available on single doses higher than this in adults. In the setting of a

318 clinical trial, pediatric patients have received single ETHYOL doses of up to 2700  
 319 mg/m<sup>2</sup>. At the higher doses, anxiety and reversible urinary retention occurred.  
 320 Administration of ETHYOL at 2 and 4 hours after the initial dose has not led to increased  
 321 nausea and vomiting or hypotension. The most likely symptom of overdose is  
 322 hypotension, which should be managed by infusion of normal saline and other supportive  
 323 measures, as clinically indicated.

324 **DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

325 **For Reduction of Cumulative Renal Toxicity with Chemotherapy:** The recommended  
 326 starting dose of ETHYOL is 910 mg/m<sup>2</sup> administered once daily as a 15-minute i.v.  
 327 infusion, starting 30 minutes prior to chemotherapy.  
 328 The 15-minute infusion is better tolerated than more extended infusions. Further  
 329 reductions in infusion times for chemotherapy regimens have not been systematically  
 330 investigated.  
 331 Patients should be adequately hydrated prior to ETHYOL infusion and kept in a supine  
 332 position during the infusion. Blood pressure should be monitored every 5 minutes during  
 333 the infusion, and thereafter as clinically indicated.  
 334 The infusion of ETHYOL should be interrupted if the systolic blood pressure decreases  
 335 significantly from the baseline value as listed in the guideline below:

336 **Guideline for Interrupting ETHYOL Infusion Due to Decrease**  
 337 **in Systolic Blood Pressure**

|   | Baseline Systolic Blood Pressure (mm Hg) |         |         |         |     |
|---|--|---------|---------|---------|-----|
|   | <100                                     | 100-119 | 120-139 | 140-179 | 180 |
| Decrease in systolic blood pressure during infusion of ETHYOL (mm Hg) | 20                                       | 25      | 30      | 40      | 50  |

338 If the blood pressure returns to normal within 5 minutes and the patient is asymptomatic,  
 339 the infusion may be restarted so that the full dose of ETHYOL may be administered. If  
 340 the full dose of ETHYOL cannot be administered, the dose of ETHYOL for subsequent  
 341 chemotherapy cycles should be 740 mg/m<sup>2</sup>.  
 342 It is recommended that antiemetic medication, including dexamethasone 20 mg i.v. and a  
 343 serotonin 5HT<sub>3</sub> receptor antagonist, be administered prior to and in conjunction with  
 344 ETHYOL. Additional antiemetics may be required based on the chemotherapy drugs  
 345 administered.

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 347 **For Reduction of Moderate to Severe Xerostomia from Radiation of the Head and**  
 348 **Neck:** The recommended dose of ETHYOL is 200 mg/m<sup>2</sup> administered once daily as a 3-  
 349 minute i.v. infusion, starting 15-30 minutes prior to standard fraction radiation therapy  
 350 (1.8-2.0 Gy).  
 351 Patients should be adequately hydrated prior to ETHYOL infusion. Blood pressure  
 352 should be monitored at least before and immediately after the infusion, and thereafter as  
 353 clinically indicated.

354 It is recommended that antiemetic medication be administered prior to and in conjunction  
355 with ETHYOL. Oral 5HT<sub>3</sub> receptor antagonists, alone or in combination with other  
356 antiemetics, have been used effectively in the radiotherapy setting.

357 **Reconstitution**

358 ETHYOL (amifostine) for Injection is supplied as a sterile lyophilized powder requiring  
359 reconstitution for intravenous infusion. Each single-use vial contains 500 mg of  
360 amifostine on the anhydrous basis.

361 Prior to intravenous injection, ETHYOL is reconstituted with 9.7 mL of sterile 0.9%  
362 Sodium Chloride Injection, USP. The reconstituted solution (500 mg amifostine/10 mL)  
363 is chemically stable for up to 5 hours at room temperature (approximately 25°C) or up to  
364 24 hours under refrigeration (2°C to 8°C).

365 ETHYOL prepared in polyvinylchloride (PVC) bags at concentrations ranging from 5  
366 mg/mL to 40 mg/mL is chemically stable for up to 5 hours when stored at room  
367 temperature (approximately 25°C) or up to 24 hours when stored under refrigeration (2°C  
368 to 8°C).

369 CAUTION: Parenteral products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and  
370 discoloration prior to administration whenever solution and container permit. Do not use  
371 if cloudiness or precipitate is observed.

372 **Incompatibilities**

373 The compatibility of ETHYOL with solutions other than 0.9% Sodium Chloride for  
374 Injection, or Sodium Chloride solutions with other additives, has not been examined. The  
375 use of other solutions is not recommended.

376 **HOW SUPPLIED**

377 ETHYOL (amifostine) for Injection is supplied as a sterile lyophilized powder in 10 mL  
378 single-use vials (NDC 58178-017-01). Each single-use vial contains 500 mg of  
379 amifostine on the anhydrous basis. The vials are available packaged as follows:

380 3 pack - 3 vials per carton (NDC 58178-017-03)

381 Store the lyophilized dosage form at Controlled Room Temperature 20°-25°C (68°-77°F)  
382 [See USP].

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