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## Instructions for Patients and their Families / Caregivers Vectibix ® treatment

This is a summary of the most important information about Vectibix.  
For details, please talk to your healthcare professional.

**What Is Vectibix?** Vectibix is a chemotherapy medicine (medicine used to kill cancer cells). It is given in a vein (I.V. infusion). Vectibix is used to treat a type of cancer of the colon or rectum (EGFR-expressing colorectal carcinoma) that has spread to other areas of the body (metastatic) on or after treatment with standard chemotherapy. At this time, it is not known whether Vectibix will improve symptoms of EGFR-expressing, metastatic colorectal cancer or help these patients live longer. Vectibix has not been studied in children.

**What Are The Risks?** *The following are the major potential risks and side effects of Vectibix therapy. However, this list is not complete.*

**Severe skin reactions, Sun sensitivity.**

**Severe infusion reactions** may occur during I.V. infusion with Vectibix. Sudden symptoms include trouble breathing, shortness of breath, fever, chills and low blood pressure

**A severe lung problem called pulmonary fibrosis that may lead to death.**

**Diarrhea, Loss of blood salts (electrolytes)** including magnesium and calcium. Your healthcare professional should monitor your blood and treat low electrolyte levels. • **Other side effects** that may occur with Vectibix include: tiredness, stomach area pain, nausea, constipation, vomiting, cough and swelling of arms and legs.

### What Should I Tell My Healthcare Professional?

**Before you start treatment with Vectibix**, tell your healthcare professional if you: • have lung problems • are pregnant. Women should not get pregnant during treatment with Vectibix because they may lose or cause harm to the fetus. Birth control should be used during treatment with Vectibix and for 6 months after stopping treatment. • are trying to become pregnant. Vectibix may affect the ability of a woman to get pregnant. • are breast-feeding. Women should not breastfeed during treatment with Vectibix and for 2 months after stopping treatment.

**Can Other Medicines Or Food Affect Vectibix?** It is not known if Vectibix and other medicines can interact with each other. Tell your healthcare professional about all the medicines you take including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them with you to show your healthcare professional. **How**

**Should I Receive Vectibix?** • Vectibix is given by IV infusion over 60 or 90minutes every 14 days. • The infusion may be slowed or stopped if a severe infusion reaction occurs. • The dose may be lowered or treatment with Vectibix stopped if a severe skin reaction occurs.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions. We would like to make this treatment as easy as possible for you.

Thank you for your cooperation.

*The Provis Team*