


## Drug Information Sheet ("Kusuri-no-Shiori")

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<p>Information is based on approvals granted in Japan. In some cases, the approved details may vary in countries other than Japan.                  In deciding to use a medicine, the risk (side effects) of taking the medicine must be weighed against the benefit (effects) it will do. The patient's cooperation is indispensable here.</p>	
<p><b>Brand name : LEUKERIN POWDER 10%</b>                  Active ingredient : Mercaptopurine                  Dosage form : yellowish white powder                  Printings on wrapping :</p>	
<p><b>Effects of this medicine</b>                  This medicine suppresses excessive growth of abnormal cells by inhibiting synthesis of adenine and guanine nucleotide which are components of DNA required for the growth of cells.                  It is usually used for the remission of subjective and objective symptoms in acute leukemia and chronic myeloid leukemia.</p>	
<p><b>Before using this medicine, tell your doctor/pharmacist</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you ever experienced any allergic reaction (itch, rash, etc.) to any medicine.                      If you are a patient with hepatic or renal disorder, myelosuppression, complicating infection, or varicella (chickenpox).</li> <li>• If you are pregnant or breastfeeding.</li> <li>• If you are using any other prescription or nonprescription (OTC) medicine. (It is important to reduce the risk of drug interactions.)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Dosage regimen (proper use of this medicine)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Your dosage regimen is:</b> _____ :order of your doctor</li> <li>• General dosage regimen: For adults, take 0.02 to 0.03 g/kg (2 to 3 mg of the active ingredient) daily, individually or concurrently with other medicine. After the remission, take smaller amounts of remission-inducing dose, individually or concurrently with other medicine. The dosage may be adjusted according to the age or symptoms. Strictly follow the instructions of your doctor/pharmacist.</li> <li>• Laboratory tests (blood tests, hepatic and renal function tests) will be frequently performed during receiving the treatment with the medicine, therefore, make sure to visit the hospital and undergo the tests on predetermined days. If any abnormality is found, the dosage will be decreased or the medication will be discontinued.</li> <li>• Missed dose: Take a dose as soon as possible when you remembered that you missed a dose. However, if it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and continue your regular dosing schedule. DO NOT take double doses to make up for the missed dose.</li> <li>• Overdose: If you took too much of the medicine (more than ordered), check with your doctor/pharmacist.</li> <li>• Others: Do not stop taking the medicine without the instructions of your doctor.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Precautions while using this medicine</b></p>	
<p><b>Side effects of this medicine</b>                  Common side effects are reported as below. If any of them occurs, check with your doctor/pharmacist: jaundice, rash, erythema, etc.  <b>In rare cases, symptoms described below may be the sign of side effects indicated in brackets [ ]. If they occur, stop taking your medicine and check with your doctor immediately.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• anemia, fever, bleeding tendency [ myelosuppression ]</li> </ul> <p><b>Other side effects not listed here may occur. Check with your doctor/pharmacist if you have any worrisome symptom.</b></p>	
<p><b>Storage and other information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep the medicine out of the reach of children. Store it away from direct sunlight, heat and moisture.</li> <li>• Do not store the remainder and ask your pharmacist how to discard it.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>For doctor use only:</b> Day            Month            Year</p>	

For further information, ask your doctor/pharmacist. Japanese package insert information (for medical professionals) is available on the website of Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency.