

### Folinic acid

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#### Hypersensitivity in an elderly patient: case report

A 65-year-old man experienced hypersensitivity following treatment with folinic acid [leucovorin] for metastatic gastric adenocarcinoma. The man was administered folinic acid [dosage not stated] and oxaliplatin for metastatic gastric adenocarcinoma; thirty minutes after starting the infusion, he presented with pruritus, generalised hives and facial erythema. Dexchlorpheniramine and hydrocortisone were initiated with symptom resolution within minutes. The infusion was successfully re-initiated without reactions. Two weeks later, the second administration was scheduled, and he represented with the same symptoms. Intradermal and prick tests with folinic acid were negative; however, controlled challenge yielded positive results for folinic acid.

**Author comment:** "We report the case of a patient with calcium folinate hypersensitivity."

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