Postchemotherapy Confusion

Ms. M is a 31-year-old female with metastatic osteogenic sarcoma. She has received multiple chemotherapy agents in the past, including cisplatin, and has experienced periodic disease-free intervals. She has no evidence of abdominal disease and no prior nephrectomy.

Her treatment plan involves the following:
- **Chemotherapy:** Ifosfamide 4.0 g/m² IV piggyback (IVPB) over two hours every day for three days
- **Mesna:** 4.0 g/m² IVPB over two hours every day for three days

The purpose of the “Clinical Challenges” feature is to provide readers with a forum to discuss creative clinical solutions to challenging patient care problems. The goal is to blend the past “Practice Corner” and “Case in Point” features in a case study or “nursing tumor board” format. A challenging patient problem will be presented followed by a discussion of possible clinical interventions and solutions. A “Clinical Highlights” box will provide research-based information on the problem to support evidence-based practice. Interdisciplinary responses will be included as appropriate.

Contributions to the “Clinical Challenges” feature are welcome. Descriptions may be submitted with or without discussion or solutions. References, tables, figures, or illustrations can be included. Ideas for case studies also are welcome. Materials or inquiries can be sent as an e-mail attachment to Nancy Jo Bush, RN, MN, MA, AOCN®, ONF associate editor, at njbush@sonnet.ucla.edu.

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