

PATIENT & CAREGIVER EDUCATION

Seasilver

This information describes the common uses of Seasilver, how it works, and its possible side effects.

Tell your healthcare providers about any dietary supplements you're taking, such as herbs, vitamins, minerals, and natural or home remedies. This will help them manage your care and keep you safe.

What is it?

Seasilver does not prevent or cure cancer.

Promoters of seasilver claim that the product is effective against cancer and other diseases. There is no scientific evidence, in the form of laboratory studies, animal studies, or clinical trials to support such claims.

In 2003 the Federal Trade Commission accused marketers of promoting Seasilver with false and fraudulent claims at which point the Food and Drug Administration seized nearly \$5.3 million worth of the product. Seasilver USA has since agreed to comply with strict FDA and FTC guidelines regarding the marketing of its product.

What are the potential uses and benefits?

- To detoxify the body
 Evidence is lacking to support this claim.
- To prevent and treat cancer
 Evidence is lacking to support this claim.

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What else do I need to know?

Patient Warnings:

• The FDA ruled that aloe is not safe as a stimulant laxative.

If you have questions or concerns, contact your healthcare provider. A member of your care team will answer Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Outside those hours, you can leave a message or talk with another MSK provider. There is always a doctor or nurse on call. If you're not sure how to reach your healthcare provider, call 212-639-2000.

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