

## MEDICAL GROUP

## **Chemotherapy Informational Sheet**

Possible side effects may include any of the following or a combination of the following:

Allergic-like reaction Anemia Fatigue Constipation Diarrhea Loss of appetite Mouth sores Nausea or vomiting Weight gain or loss Liver damage Hair loss Skin and nail darkening Skin ulceration at injection site Skin rash Light sensitivity Numbness or tingling Hearing loss Heart damage Kidney damage Low platelet count causing bleeding Low white blood cell count Risk of infection Menopausal symptoms Menstrual irregularities Sterility Dizziness Forgetfulness Secondary malignancy Muscle aching Muscle weakness

- Do not drive a car or operate machinery if you are drowsy.
- Patients' reactions to medications vary.
- Do not share your prescription medications with others.

Unexpected side effects may occur in addition to those noted above. Chemotherapy can be harmful to an unborn child. It is important to tell the doctor if you think you may be pregnant.

It is important for both men and women who are being treated with chemotherapy and who are sexually active and fertile and who have a fertile partner to use a reliable form of birth control (birth control pills, a reliable barrier method, or a hormonal implant as recommended by your physician). In rare instances, cancer treatment can cause life-threatening complications and death.