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## P A T I E N T I N F O R M A T I O N

The side effects listed below are those that occur most frequently. Other side effects may occur; please contact your doctor or oncology nurse to report any medical problems.

Dose \_\_\_\_\_

### GEMCITABINE (Gemzar®)

#### **Early Side Effects**

- a. Nausea and vomiting may occur and is usually mild to moderate in severity.
- b. Fever, flu-like symptoms, and rash may occur but these are usually mild.
- c. Discomfort at IV site may occur during infusion.

#### **Late Side Effects**

- a. Hair thinning may occur usually 7 - 10 days after treatment. This loss is temporary and your hair will grow back after the drug has been discontinued.
- b. A drop in blood cell counts will occur 7 - 14 days after treatment. Your doctor will monitor your cell counts with regular blood draws.