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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 \_\_\_\_\_

### MITOXANTRONE (Novatrone®)

#### **Early Side Effects**

- a. Nausea and vomiting and diarrhea may occur.
- b. Mitoxantrone may color the urine blue-green for 24 hours after receiving the drug. A temporary bluish discoloration of the skin and the whites of the eyes may occur.
- c. Rashes and dry skin have been reported to occur.

#### **Late Side Effects**

- a. A drop in blood cell counts may occur.
- b. Hair loss may occur, particularly with high doses of Mitoxantrone; this loss is temporary and your hair will grow back.
- c. Liver function tests may be elevated and liver impairment may occur but it is reversible.
- d. Mitoxantrone can affect the heart muscle and produce changes in heart rate and rhythm. This occurs more frequently in patients with preexisting cardiovascular disease. Also, patients who have received Adriamycin have an increased potential for developing cardio toxicity.