



Capecitabine (Xeloda®)

Generic Name: capecitabine

Drug Name: Xeloda®

Purpose: Xeloda is a chemotherapy drug used to treat certain types of cancer including metastatic Breast Cancer (Breast Cancer that has spread to other parts of the body), certain stages of Colon Cancer, and metastatic Colorectal Cancer (cancer of the colon or rectum that has spread to other parts of the body).

Form: Pill:

- 150mg (light peach color)
- 500mg (peach color)

How to take:

- Take Xeloda as directed by your doctor. Your doctor will determine the combination of pills for your morning and evening dose
- Make sure you are taking the correct pills (check the color) before you take them
- Take Xeloda within 30 minutes AFTER a meal
- Drink 8oz. of water each time you take Xeloda
- If you miss a dose, just skip it and call your doctor. DO NOT take it later in the day. DO NOT take a double dose.
- Tell your doctor if you are taking folic acid. Folic acid may affect how Xeloda works for you.
- Xeloda is usually taken for 14 days followed by a 7 day break to allow your body to rest.
- Tell your doctor about any side effects you experience.
- Your doctor may change the amount of medication you take or the number of days you take it based on the side effects you experience.

Possible Side Effects:

- Mild diarrhea (less than 4 loose bowel movements in a day)
- Nausea and/or vomiting
- Mouth sores
- Cramping and/or constipation
- Decreased appetite
- Tingling, numbness, pain, swelling or redness of the palms of your hands or the soles of your feet
- Rash, dry skin, and/or itchy skin
- Fatigue (a tired feeling)



- Weakness
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Fever

Important: Call your doctor **immediately** if you have:

- Moderate or severe diarrhea (more than 4 loose bowel movements in a day)
- Moderate pain or redness of your mouth, swelling of your mouth or mouth sores
- Tingling, numbness, pain, swelling or redness of the palms of your hands or the soles of your feet
- Vomiting