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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 _____

XELODA (Capecitabine)

Xeloda is an oral chemotherapy that comes in two strengths; 150mg (light peach color) and 500mg (peach colored). It is important that you correctly identify the tablets before taking.

- Take the tablets in the combination prescribed by your doctor for your morning and evening doses.
- Take the tablets within 30 minutes after the end of a meal.
- **Xeloda** should be taken with 8 oz. of water.
- If you are taking folic acid please inform your doctor. It is recommended that **Xeloda** be taken for 14 days followed by a 7-day rest period.
- If you miss a dose, do not take it later in the day and do not double the next dose.

Side Effects

- a. Diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, mouth sores, cramping, constipation, decrease appetite.
- b. Hand-and-foot syndrome (palms of the hand or soles of the feet tingle, become numb, painful, swollen, or red), rash, dry or itchy skin.
- c. Tiredness, weakness, dizziness, headache and fever.

Stop taking Xeloda immediately and contact your doctor if any of these symptoms occur:

- a. Moderate diarrhea (increase 4 - 6 stools a day). Diarrhea at night.
- b. Moderate pain and redness of the mouth, swelling of the mouth or mouth sores.
- c. Moderate pain, swelling of hands and or feet.
- d. Vomiting.