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If you have any questions, please consult your physician or call Hearst Cancer Resource Center at 805.542.6234. For emergency, call 911.

PATIENT EDUCATION

Abraxane (Paclitaxel protein-bound)

SIDE EFFECTS

It is important for the patient to follow all prescription instructions carefully. You may experience some, all, or none of the following:

- **Low Blood Count** – White and red blood cells may temporarily decrease which can put you at increased risk for infection and/or anemia.
- **Hair Loss**
- **Nausea**
- **Abnormal ECG (Electrocardiogram)**
- **Peripheral Neuropathy -** Numbness and tingling of hand and feet
- **Arthralgias and Myalgias –** Pain in the joints and muscles which usually is temporary and occurs 2-3 days after Abraxane and resolved within a few days.
- **Weakness and Fatigue**
- **Increases in Blood Tests Measuring Liver Function**
- **Infections**
- **Diarrhea**
- **Vomiting**
- **Mouth Sores**
- **Swelling of Feet or Ankles**
- **Shortness of Breath**
- **Eye Problems**

PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Notify your doctor or oncology nurse immediately if you experience:

- Fever of 100.5° (38° C) or higher or chills
- Redness or pain at the site of injection
- Nausea
- Vomiting for more than 4-5 times in a 24 hour period
- Diarrhea for more than 4-6 episodes in a 24 hour period
- Unusual bleeding or bruising
- Black or tarry stools or blood in your stools
- Extreme fatigue
- Mouth sores
- Numbness and tingling of the hands and feet
- Signs of Infection: Redness or swelling, pain on swallowing, coughing up mucous, or painful urination

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- **Birth Control Measures** – are necessary during and after treatment due to potential harm to sperm/egg health.
- **Before any dental procedure, be sure and tell your dentist you are taking this medication.**