French Hospital Medical Center.
A Dignity Health Member

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

Arsenic Trioxide (Trisenox)

SIDE EFFECTS

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

- **Nausea and Vomiting**
- **Cough**
- **Fatigue**
- **Fever or Headache**
- **Rapid Heart Beats (Tachycardia)**
- **Abdominal Pain**
- **Diarrhea**
- **Shortness of Breath**
- **Blood Test Abnormalities (Low Potassium and Magnesium)**
- **Swelling of the Face, Hands, Feet or Legs (Edema)**
- **Sore Throat**
- **Difficulty Sleeping (Insomnia)**
- **Rash**
- **Heart Rhythm Changes**
- **Joint Pain**
- **Itching**
- **Numbness or Tingling of Hands or Feet**
- **Chills (Flu-like Symptoms)**
- **Anxiety**
- **Constipation**
- **Chest Pain**
- **Low Blood Pressure**
- **Poor Appetite**
- **Nosebleeds or Bruising**
- **Depression**
- **Muscle, Bone or Generalized Pains**
- **Dizziness**
- **Post Nasal Drip or Sinusitis**
- **Altered Blood Liver Enzyme Levels**
- **Low Blood Counts (White and red blood cells and platelets may temporarily decrease. Increased risk for infection, anemia and/or bleeding)**
- **Blood Count Abnormalities (High Potassium Level)**
- **Weight Gain**
- **Vaginal Bleeding**
- **Dry Skin**

PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Notify your doctor or oncology nurse immediately if you experience:

- Signs of Infection: Fever of 100.5°F (38° C) or higher, chills
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Sudden weight gain
- Nausea
- Vomiting (more than 4-5 times in a 24 hour period)
- Rapid heart beat (recurrent or persistent – does not go away)
- Diarrhea (4-6 episodes in a 24 hour period)
- Unusual bleeding or bruising
- Black or tarry stools, or blood in your stools
- Extreme fatigue

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- **Birth Control Measures –** are necessary during and for 4 months after treatment due to potential harm to sperm/egg health.
- **Before any dental procedure, be sure to tell your dentist you are taking this medication.**