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

Temodar (Temozolomide)

SIDE EFFECTS

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

- **Lowered Blood Counts** – This drug temporarily lowers your blood count. This usually occurs about the 3rd week after receiving the drug. During this time you are more susceptible to colds, infections, and bleeding. Blood tests will be done periodically to check your blood counts.
- **Nausea/Vomiting** – Occurs commonly. You will be given a medication to help prevent this. Taking this medication before bedtime appears to help prevent nausea.
- **Loss of Appetite**
- **Headache**
- **Dizziness**
- **Confusion**
- **Rash**
- **Fatigue**

PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Notify your doctor or oncology nurse immediately if you experience:

- Signs of Infection: Chills or fever above 100.5°F, new or significant cough or shortness of breath, sudden weakness or fatigue, pain or burning with urination, a cold, a sore that looks infected, white patches in your mouth or on your tongue, or any other signs of infection.
- Signs of Bleeding: Nosebleeds that will not stop with pressure; blood in urine or stool; bleeding gums, unusual bruising; red or purple spots on your body
- Uncontrolled nausea/vomiting or inability to eat or drink for 24 hours
- Report any change in confusion, dizziness, depression, anxiety, unsteady gait, etc., to your doctor or nurse.

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 and tell your dentist you are taking this medication.**