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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

Thioguanine (6-TG)

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** – Your blood counts may drop if high doses are taken. This change in blood counts is usually temporary and recovery is prompt. Your blood counts will be monitored while you are receiving this drug.
- **Nausea/Vomiting** – Nausea and vomiting may occur. You may need to take some medication for this.
- **Skin Changes** – A reddened rash may occur.
- **Mouth Sores** – May occur. Give good mouth care and use a soft toothbrush.
- **Fatigue**
- **Sun Sensitivity** – Be sure and use a sunscreen when outside.
- **Diarrhea**

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.
- A new rash
- Any new or usual bleeding.
- An inability to take or keep medication or food down.
- Mouth sores
- Fatigue, shortness of breath, dizziness.

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 you dentist you are taking this medication**.
- Take dose same time each day to make sure it has the best effect.