Arroyo Grande Community Hospital
A Dignity Health Member

If you have any questions, **please consult your physician or call AGCH Coastal Cancer Care at 805.481.7245. 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.**