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

Avastin (Bevacizumab)

SIDE EFFECTS

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

- **Generalized Weakness**
- **Pain**
- **Abdominal Pain**
- **Nausea and Vomiting**
- **Poor Appetite**
- **Constipation**
- **Upper Respiratory Infection**
- **Low White Blood Cell Count (increased risk for infection)**
- **Proteinuria**
- **Nose Bleed**
- **Diarrhea**
- **Hair Loss**
- **Mouth Sores**
- **Headache**
- **Shortness of Breath**
- **Dizziness**
- **High Blood Pressure**
- **Weight Loss**
- **Muscle Aches and Pains**

PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Notify your doctor or oncology nurse immediately if you experience:

- Fever of 100.5° (38° C) or higher or chills
- Severe bleeding
- Shortness of breath; difficulty breathing
- Swelling of the feet or ankles; sudden weight gain
- Abdominal pain
- Nausea
- Vomiting (more than 4-5 times in a 24 hour period)
- Diarrhea (more than 4-6 episodes in a 24 hour period)
- Constipation
- Coughing up blood
- Black or tarry stools or blood in the stool
- Blood in the urine
- Mouth sores
- Swelling, redness and/or pain in one leg or arm and not the other
- Signs of Infection: Redness or swelling, pain on swallowing, coughing up mucous, or painful urination
- Loss of appetite for 24 hours
- Dehydration

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.**