

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**

### **Campath (Alemtuzumab)**

#### **SIDE EFFECTS**

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

- **Side Effects with the Infusion** – Chills, fever, nausea, vomiting, and low blood pressure may occur. You will be premedicated to try and prevent this from occurring. This is most common during the first week of therapy and usually decreases as your body adjusts to the therapy.
- **Lowered Blood Counts** – This drug causes your blood counts to drop temporarily. During this time you are more susceptible to colds, infections and bleeding. Your blood counts will be checked periodically while taking this drug.
- **Loss of Energy/Tired**
- **Rash**
- **Loss of Appetite**
- **Diarrhea**
- **Headache**

#### **PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Notify your doctor or oncology nurse immediately if you experience:**

- Chills, fever, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, etc., during the infusion
- Signs of Infection: Chills or fever above 100.5°F, new or significant cough or shortness of breath, pain or burning with urination, a sore that is red and swollen, or white patches in your mouth or on your tongue
- Signs of Bleeding: Nosebleeds that will not stop with pressure; blood in the urine or stool; bleeding gums; unusual bruising; red or purple spots on your body, or a cut that takes longer than usual to stop bleeding
- Extremely fatigued, short of breath, dizzy, light-headed
- Uncontrolled nausea/vomiting or inability to eat or drink for 24 hours
- Uncontrolled diarrhea (greater than 4 bowel movements in a day)

#### **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- **Birth Control Measures** – are necessary during and for 6 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.**
- Arrange for someone else to drive you home after receiving this drug.
- Check with your doctor before taking any other medications. This includes medicines you buy over-the-counter.