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

Carboplatin (Paraplatin)

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/Vomiting –** May occur after drug is given and usually lasts less than 24 hours. You will be given medication to try and prevent or control this. Be sure to take your anti-nausea medication as ordered.
- **Lowered Blood Counts –** Occurs 2-3 weeks after receiving this drug. You will be more susceptible to colds, infections, and bleeding. Your blood counts will probably be checked periodically while receiving this drug.
- **Fatigue –** Is common and may include a general physical and mental tiredness.
- **Loss of Appetite –** Usually resolves in 24 hours.
- **Taste Alterations**
- **Hearing Damage –** May occur at high doses. Symptoms include a ringing in your ears.
- **Kidney Damage –** May occur, but can usually be prevented by giving IV fluids.
- **Hair Loss –** May occur, but not common and should be minimal. Effect is temporary.

PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Notify your doctor or oncology nurse immediately if you experience:

- Signs of Infections: 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, white patches in your mouth or on your tongue.
- 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; or a cut that takes longer than usual to stop bleeding.
- Any change or decrease in urine.
- Uncontrolled nausea of vomiting or inability to eat or drink for more than 24 hours.

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.**
- Drink 10-12 glasses of liquid daily to keep your kidneys working well while on this drug.