

# PATIENT EDUCATION

If you have any questions, please consult your physician or call AGCH Coastal Cancer Care at 805.481.7245. For emergency, call 911.

## Flutamide (Eulexin)

#### 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 Temporary changes in your blood counts may cause them to drop and you may be at risk for infections and bleeding. Your doctor will periodically check your blood counts.
- Breast Enlargement Breast tenderness and enlargement may occur. Due to hormonal change, you may also experience some loss in sexual drive and impotency.
- Nausea This may occur, but is usually controlled by medication.
- **Fatigue** You may experience increased fatigue when receiving this drug. Take frequent rest periods and notify your doctor if this increases.
- **Hot Flashes** Worse when combined with Lupron.
- **Loss of Libido** Worse when combined with Lupron.
- **Impotence** Especially when combined with Lupron.

### 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, pain or burning with urination, a sore that is red and swollen, white patches in your mouth or on your tongue.
- Diarrhea with cramps or bloating longer than 24 hours.
- Signs of Bleeding: Nosebleed that will not stop with pressure, bleeding gums, blood in urine or stool, unusual bruising, red or purple spots on body
- Extreme fatigue
- Swelling of hands, legs or ankles

#### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

 Before any dental procedure, be sure and tell your dentist you are taking this medication.

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