Arroyo Grande Community Hospital
A Dignity Health Member

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

PATIENT EDUCATION

Lupron (Leuprolide)

SIDE EFFECTS

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

- **Hot Flashes** – Ranges from mild flushing to sweating. This tends to decrease with continued treatments.
- **Temporary Increase in Symptoms** – For about 2-3 weeks after your first injection you may have worsening of signs/symptoms of disease – temporary weakness of legs, bone pain, difficulty urinating. This should subside about 14-21 days after the injection.
- **Sexual Changes** – Decreased interest; impotence, decreased size of testes
- **Weight Gain**
- **Breast Swelling and Tenderness**
- **Amenorrhea/Irregular Vaginal Bleeding** – in women – tell doctor if regular periods persist
- **Headaches/Blurred Vision/Dizziness** – May occur
- **Nausea**
- **Swelling at injection site**
- **Constipation** – More common in men

PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Notify your doctor or oncology nurse immediately if you experience:

- Changes in heart beat, irregular heart beat
- Any shortness of breath, itching, edema, tickle in throat, dizziness, facial swelling
- Any pain, redness, or swelling at injection site
- Uncontrolled nausea or inability to eat or drink for 24 hours.
- Any changes in personality or behavioral changes; depression
- Constipation not relieved by usual laxative routine
- Inability to urinate
- Bone pain not relieved by pain medication

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- **Before any dental procedure, be sure and tell your dentist you are taking this medication.**
- **Birth Control Measures** – need to be used during treatment and for at least 4-6 months after finishing treatment.