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

Mitotane (Lysodren)

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** – You may experience this for a few days following treatment. You will be offered medication to help prevent or control this.
- **Loss of Appetite**
- **Diarrhea**
- **Fatigue and Sleepiness**
- **Dizziness/Vertigo**
- **Light-headedness**
- **Skin Irritation/Rash**
- **Blurred Vision**

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.
- 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.
- Persistent nausea/vomiting or inability to eat or drink for 24 hours
- Uncontrolled diarrhea
- Rash
- Increased fatigue and/or sleepiness

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.**
- You will be given 1 or 2 other drugs to compensate for the suppression of certain functions of the adrenal gland caused by this drug. **These should not be stopped before consulting your doctor.**