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

Vidaza (5-Azacitidine)

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**
- **Low Red Blood Cell Count (Anemia)**
- **Low Platelet Count (increased risk for bleeding)**
- **Vomiting**
- **Fever**
- **Low White Blood Cell Count (increased risk for infection)**
- **Diarrhea or Constipation**
- **Fatigue**
- **Injection Site Redness/Pain**
- **Ecchymosis, Petechiae (red or purple spots containing blood)**
- **Cough**
- **Shortness of Breath**
- **Weakness**
- **Chills**
- **Arthralgia and Myalgia (joint and muscle pain)**
- **Headache**
- **Poor Appetite**
- **Sore Throat**
- **Back Pain**
- **Confusion**
- **Dizziness**
- **Swelling in Ankles**
- **Chest Pain**
- **Nosebleed**
- **Weight Loss**
- **Abdominal Pain**
- **Rash**
- **Anxiety**
- **Low Potassium**
- **Upper Respiratory Infection**
- **Itching**
- **Depression**
- **Insomnia**

PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Notify your doctor or oncology nurse immediately if you experience:

- Nausea
- Vomiting (more than 4-5 times in a 24 hour day)
- Diarrhea (more than 4-6 episodes in a 24 hour period)
- Unusual bleeding o bruising
- Black or tarry stools or blood in the stools
- Blood in the urine
- Extreme fatigue
- Constipation
- Swelling of feet or ankles; sudden weight gain
- Infection; redness or swelling, pain on swallowing, coughing up mucous, or painful urination
- Loss of appetite for 24 hours or dehydration

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- **Birth Control Measures** – are necessary during and 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.**