

Taxol Patients

1. Whether you are on high dose Taxol every 2-3 weeks or lower dose Taxol weekly, you will be required to take premeds the night before treatment. The premeds are Decadron, Zantac & Benadryl. Decadron may raise your blood sugar temporarily. If you are diabetic, notify your primary physician of this. Sometimes medications need adjusting, we will work with your primary care physician during these infusions.
2. Taxol can cause peripheral neuropathy. That is numbness and or tingling in the fingers and toes. We have medications and suggestions to prevent this and treat the neuropathy while it is occurring. Starting vitamin B6-100mg daily is shown to help prevent this side effect. Prior to each infusion your nurses will discuss your symptoms with you.
3. Muscle ache and bone pain can occur with Taxol infusions. We recommend patients take Advil (if able) to prevent this. Patients who also receive Neulasta and Neupogen may experience an increase in this discomfort and you may need a stronger medication than Advil. We will be happy to provide this, if needed.
4. Drink plenty of decaffeinated fluids.