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CONSENT FOR CHEMOTHERAPY /BIOLOGIC IV THERAPY /OTHER THERAPIES

Introduction:

You are about to receive IV drugs or a combination of chemotherapeutic drugs and the other supportive drugs as necessary , we would like to acquaint you with the side effects you may have for these drugs. All cancer chemotherapy drugs have potential side effects, but these side effects are usually temporary, with complete recovery within a few days after stopping the drug (s). Continuation of chemotherapy may be delayed, in order to allow recovery from some of these side effects. You can help your physician by reporting any side effects to him on your medical visit, or by telephoning him right away if they are severe. This information is not intended to frighten you but it should be a reference for you when specific questions arise. The majority of our patients feel well during treatment and are able to work, go to school, etc... We encourage you to maintain as many normal activities as possible, good hydration and nutrition.

Drugs and their side effects:

General side effects: In general, most of these drugs cause bone marrow depression; that is, your blood counts may be lowered. This includes the white blood cell count, the platelet count, and possibly the level of red blood cell or the hemoglobin. Since these drugs can depress the blood count, Physicians may want to see the results of a complete blood count and platelet count before giving you these drugs. This often means a delay between the time you come to the office and the time that you are seen in the office.

Most of these drugs, in varying degrees, can cause nausea, diarrhea, or vomiting. This effect is generally greatest the day after administration and rapidly subsides thereafter. The intensity of this side affect may be greatly diminished be appropriate anti-emetic medications. Your doctor may prescribe these medications to you, as needed, following chemotherapy administration.

Some of these drugs may cause allergic reactions, rarely severe enough to require discontinuation of therapy, and administration of antihistamines.

Supportive drugs may cause fever, chills, some pain, joint pain or muscle pain, which generally resolves within several days.

You should notify your doctor of all other medicines you are taking including those you obtain without prescriptions (such as supplements, vitamins, aspirin, laxatives, etc.) You should not take any such medication without his knowledge and approval. You should notify him of all medication or changes in medication prescribed by other doctors. You should tell other doctors the names of the chemotherapy drugs you are taking. Also avoid alcoholic beverages.

I confirm that I have been fully informed about each of the following facts:

The treatment will consist of the following drug(s):

Risks and benefits of the treatment have been discussed with me in details. I have been told which drugs are investigational. The method and frequency of drug administration and blood tests have been described to me.

This treatment will be given in hope of improving my condition but I realize that no one can guarantee this will happen.

My doctor(s) has discussed with me other options or appropriate methods of treating my disease.

My doctor(s) has answered all my questions to my satisfaction and offered to answer any further questions I might have.

I understand that I may withdraw my consent and discontinue my participation in this treatment at any time. My doctor(s) have pointed out that my consent is entirely voluntary.

Date: _____

Patient: _____

Witness: _____

Physician: _____