

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION ABOUT EXPERIMENTAL ORAL CANCER DRUGS

Pills may seem harmless; however, experimental oral cancer drugs may be just as dangerous as chemotherapy if not handled carefully. Below are some tips for safe handling for you and your caretaker/family.

- ✓ Pills should stay in their original package until you are ready to take them.
- ✓ Proper storage depends on the study. Ask your study coordinator how to store the pills (i.e. refrigerate, cool/dry place etc.)
- ✓ Ensure the medication you are taking is not expired.
- ✓ DO NOT remove or tear the prescription label from the bottle or packaging. The label contains important information pertaining to the study.
- ✓ DO NOT allow the pills to drop onto countertops/tabletops; if they do, clean the area well to avoid contact with any possible residue/powder.
- ✓ Because small amounts of the drug may be in waste such as stool, urine, vomit and/or blood, caution must be used when handling soiled objects (linen, toilet seat etc.).
 - wash separately from other laundry
 - after using the toilet, close the toilet lid prior to flushing; if you have a low pressure toilet, double flush to ensure contents are gone. Wipe any splashes with disinfectant
 - if caretakers have contact with your body wastes, they should wear disposable gloves
- ✓ When possible, handle the pills yourself.
- ✓ Wash your hands before and after taking your pills.
- ✓ Take the pills from a cup, the bottle cap, or wear gloves when handling.
- ✓ DO NOT crush/break/split/chew your pills.
- ✓ If you skip/miss a dose or take an extra dose by mistake, call the doctor right away.
- ✓ Bring back all unused medication to the study coordinator at your next visit.
- ✓ If a caretaker is giving you your pills:
 - they should wash their hands before giving you your pills
 - they should wear disposable gloves when handling pills
 - medication should be placed in a cup/spoon for you to take
 - if you/caretaker comes into contact with the drug, wash your hands well with soap and water if you/caretaker develops a rash, call the doctor

A pregnant caretaker should NOT handle oral chemotherapy

Keep pills out of reach of children and pets

For safe disposal at a kiosk please see:

<https://www.walgreens.com/topic/pharmacy/safe-medication-disposal.jsp>

Notes: (please include specifics about safe handling not included above as per study protocol):

Reference: Oncology Nursing Society Oral Chemotherapy Guide <https://www.onsoralchemoguide.com/#/NEXT/oct003>

