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## General information for patient Bevacizumab

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Medication	Administration
Bevacizumab	Intravenous infusion on day(s) _____ of chemotherapy cycle  1 <sup>st</sup> infusion: 90 minutes 2 <sup>nd</sup> infusion: 60 minutes * 3 <sup>rd</sup> infusion: 20 to 30 minutes * <i>* if previous treatment well tolerated</i>
<hr/> <i>Cycle is repeated every _____ weeks</i> <hr/>	

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## General Information associated with your treatment

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- › Bevacizumab is used in combination with chemotherapy to treat certain types of cancer. It is a monoclonal antibody which enhances the efficacy of your chemotherapy.
- › A **blood test, a urinary analysis** as well as a **measurement of your blood pressure** will be done prior to every cycle of treatment.
- › Bevacizumab administered during pregnancy may harm the embryo. A method of **contraception** is strongly recommended during treatment and for 6 months after the last dose. Breast-feeding is contra-indicated during treatment.
- › Consult your doctor or pharmacist before you take other medications (even over the counter medications available without a prescription) or **natural health products** or if you need to receive a **vaccine**. These may provoke an interaction with your treatment and diminish its efficacy or increase side effects.
- › It is very important to notify us if you start taking medications such as Aspirin®, blood thinners (ex: Coumadin®...), anti-inflammatory drugs (ex: Motrin®, Advil®...)
- › Follow the instructions given by your cancer center about the right way to handle and dispose of biological fluids (for example urine, stools) in order to protect the environment and your relatives.
- › Be sure to always have on hand the complete list of your medications, dietary supplements, vitamins and other natural health products. Give it to your doctor and your pharmacist. It is important to make them aware of any change.

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## Adverse effects and their management

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<p>Bevacizumab is administered in combination with chemotherapy.</p> <p>We suggest that you consult the pamphlet which describes the specific information regarding your chemotherapy regimen.</p>	
<b>Minor bleeding</b> such as nose bleed may occur.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>› Sit down straight with you head slightly bent forward.</li><li>› Apply a continuous pressure on your nostrils for a few minutes then check if the bleeding has stopped.</li><li>› Avoid blowing your nose for 12 hours after the bleeding.</li><li>› If the bleeding lasts more than 20 minutes, consult immediately your physician or go to the Emergency Room.</li></ul>
<b>High blood pressure</b> might develop.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>› Before each treatment, your nurse will measure your blood pressure.</li><li>› If you experience high blood pressure, medications can be prescribed to control it.</li></ul>
<b>Abdominal pain</b> can occur.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>› Notify your physician or pharmacist if this happens.</li><li>› If you experience severe, sudden pain with nausea, vomiting or constipation, go to the Emergency Room immediately.</li></ul>
<b>Rare adverse effects that can be severe or serious to communicate quickly to your doctor</b>	
<b>If you experience any of the following symptoms:</b> Severe headache, visual problems, difficulty talking, loss of coordination, weakness or numbness, chest pain or chest tightness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>› Go immediately to the Emergency Room.</li></ul>

### Special Consideration

- › Notify your dentist or physician that you are receiving bevacizumab if you have to undergo surgery while on treatment.

**Pharmacist:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_ h to \_\_\_ h (Monday to Friday)