



# A Patient Guide to Oral Medicine for Cancer

➤ You and your healthcare provider have decided that an oral medicine for cancer is the right choice for you. Here are some things that your healthcare provider may talk with you about:

## ➤ Your Insurance Coverage and Financial Assistance

- The person in the office who deals with insurance and finances may talk with you about your insurance coverage and co-pays
- At future visits, the office may check with your insurance again to make sure that there are no changes in your coverage

## ➤ Getting Your Oral Medicine to Treat Your Cancer

- You may receive your medicine three different ways:
  - From a specialty pharmacy
  - From a retail pharmacy
  - From your healthcare provider's in-office pharmacy
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Your doctor or nurse may give you resources that will have more details about how to take your medicine

## ➤ Learning About Your Medicine to Treat Your Cancer

You may be taught the following:

- The goals of your treatment
- How to take your pills exactly as prescribed to you by your healthcare provider
- The days and times that you need to take your pills
- What you should do if you miss pills or take too many pills
- How to safely handle and dispose of your pills
- What side effects may occur and what you might do to manage some of them
- When and whom you should call if side effects do occur

## ➤ Follow-up Visits and Medicine Monitoring

- Follow-up visit(s), phone calls, and/or e-mails may be scheduled
- Your healthcare provider may follow up with you on a regular basis to check that your current treatment is still the best choice for you

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Medicine Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dose: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Healthcare Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_