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## **Tips for Managing Common Side Effects and Concerns**

\*\* Be sure to discuss any health issues or concerns with your referring doctor or medical team.\*\*

<u>Diarrhea</u> – Follow the **BRAT** diet with bland, non-fatty foods (**B**ananas, **R**ice, **A**pple Sauce, Toast), and drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration (8-12 glassed/60-80oz of water/non-caffeinated fluid).

- Imodium / Maalox Anti-Diarrheal / Loperamide 2 tablets by mouth with the first round of diarrhea, then an additional tablet by mouth with each loose stool. \*\* Not to exceed 8 tablets in 24 hours. \*\*
- **Pepto Bismol** \*\***CONTAINS ASPIRIN**\*\* 30-60ml by mouth every 30 min, \*\* Not to exceed **240**ml in 24 hours. \*\* (follow package instructions).
- **Kaopectate** \*\***CONTAINS ASPIRIN**\*\* 30ml by mouth every 30 min. \*\*Not to exceed **240**ml in 24 hours. \*\*(follow package instructions).

<u>Constipation</u> – **Maintain good hydration** with 8-12 glasses/60-80oz of water/non-caffeinated fluid each day.

- Stool softeners/Colace/Docusate Sodium (follow package instructions)
- **Fiber supplements Citrucel** by mouth 1-2 times per day (follow package instructions)
- Senna/Senokot (follow package instructions)
- Milk of Magnesia/Magnesium hydroxide (follow package instructions)
- Colace/Docusate Sodium (follow package instructions)