

Doctor: _____

Date: _____

What chemo drug (or combination of drugs) have been prescribed?

(5-Fluorouracil has several different trade names: Efudex, Fluoroplex, Adrucil, and is administered orally now as Xeloda or Capecitabine, and is even used in a cream form for skin cancer under the name of Carac). Often times, 5-FU is not administered alone but with a few other drugs as well, such as leucovorin, oxaliplatin, docetaxel, irinotecan, or mitomycin C - depending on the type of cancer.

What are the concerns when using 5-FU with any other medications, herbal remedies I may be taking?

What are the expected side effects from 5-FU or other prescribed drugs?

What is the incidence of severe grade 3-4 toxicity to 5-FU?

What is the primary cause of this severe 5-FU associated toxicity?

What tests are available to help predict my risk for severe toxicity? To determine if I have low DPD activity?

Who should be tested for low DPD activity?

Does insurance cover the cost of these tests or how much do they cost?

Do you have any experience with a DPD Deficient patient? If so, what was the treatment and outcome?