**MEDICATION:** Capecitabine (Xeloda®)

**USES:** To treat breast and colon cancer

**ADMINISTRATION:** Oral

**Potential Side Effects:**
- Mild diarrhea, nausea, loss of appetite
- Mild numbness, tingling, swelling, pain, redness, scaling, or blistering on the hands or feet
- Sunburn/photosensitivity if skin is exposed to the sun
- Mouth sores

(The side effects listed above are those that occur most frequently. Other side effects may occur; please contact your doctor to report any new medical problems!)

**Warnings:**
- Inform your doctor if you are:
  1. allergic to any food or medicine,
  2. taking any non-cancer related prescriptions or over the counter drugs
- Ask your doctor or pharmacist before using any new medications including: prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, vitamins or herbal supplements.

**Additional Instructions:**
- Each dose of the medicine may consist of a combination of two different tablet strengths (150 mg & 500 mg). If a combination of tablets is prescribed, it is very important to take the proper dose.
- If you miss a dose, skip that dose unless your physician tells you otherwise. Do not take double or extra doses.
- If diarrhea occurs, avoid use of laxatives, magnesium containing antacids, or foods which may cause or worsen diarrhea. Maintain adequate fluid intake to prevent dehydration.
- If mouth sores occur, avoid commercial mouthwashes, use a soft toothbrush, avoid alcohol and spicy food.