**Drug Information Card**

**Medication:** Doxorubicin (Adriamycin®)

**Uses:** To treat a variety of cancers and is often used in combination with other chemotherapeutic agents

**Administration:** Intravenous

**Potential Side Effects:**
- Redness, swelling, or pain where IV is given (see additional instructions below)
- Pink/orange or red color urine 1-2 days after drug is administered
- Loss of appetite
- Hair loss, this is temporary and will grow back
- Nausea and vomiting
- Heart rate and rhythm changes, weakening of heart muscle
- Drop in blood cell counts within 7 to 14 days after treatment
- Sores, ulcers, or white spots on lips, mouth, or tongue

(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:**
- Leakage outside the vein during infusion of the drug may cause pain and skin damage. Contact your doctor if there is pain, burning, swelling, redness or tenderness in the area.
- Use sunscreen lotion (SPF 20 or higher) to protect yourself from photosensitivity. Avoid prolonged exposure to the sun.
- Your doctor will monitor your heart functions with special tests prior to and after receiving a significant amount of the drug and before giving more of the drug.