COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT:
DOXETAXEL (TAXOTERE®)

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?
• Clear liquid

HOW IS IT GIVEN?
• Injected into a vein

WHAT ARE THE MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS?
• Lowering of the white blood cell counts, which may increase your risk for infection.
• Fluid retention – this means your body is holding extra water which could cause you to have shortness of breath. To help avoid this problem you will be given another medicine call dexamethasone with each treatment. It is important to take the medication when your doctor or nurse tells you, usually starting one day before Docetaxel.
• Numbness, tingling, or burning sensation in the hands or feet
• Mild hair loss
• Nail changes
• Mouth sores

WHAT ARE THE LEAST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS?
• Rash
• Fatigue and weakness
• Numbness or tingling in the hands or feet.
• Nausea and vomiting, usually controlled with anti-nausea medicines
• Diarrhea

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:
An allergic-type reaction may occur during infusion of this drug. Tell your nurse or doctor if you feel a warm sensation, tightness in your chest, or itching during or shortly after treatment.