**COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT: TAMOXIFEN (NOLVADEX®)**

**WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?**
- Tablet

**HOW IS IT GIVEN?**
- Taken by mouth

**WHAT ARE THE MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS?**
- Hot flashes
- Itching of the skin or rash
- Changes in menstrual cycle

**WHAT ARE THE LEAST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS?**
- Abnormal blood clot formation
- Mild nausea and vomiting
- Mild hair thinning
- Bleeding, discharge and dryness of the vagina
- Dizziness
- Discharge of milk from the breasts in younger women
- Reduced white blood cell and platelet counts
- Ankle swelling/fluid retention

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**
- In the first few weeks after starting the drug you may have pain in the bones, redness, or a burning feeling on the skin or breasts (called flare).
- In addition, you may feel nauseated, not hungry, have stomach cramps, constipation or diarrhea, confusion, unsteadiness when walking or mental changes because the amount of calcium in your blood might go up.
- If you get these symptoms, tell your doctor or nurse right away.