

Re: Chemotherapy Question

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Darkwing <Darkwing@MorganasMansionxoxoxo.com> wrote in message news:<w2vjd.1484\$gS1.978@trndny04>...

> *My 58-year old mother had hysterectomy recently, because one of her
> ovaries had a cancerous cyst. Her surgeon told her that none of the
> organs currently in her body have cancer in them, but cancer was present
> in the wash post-surgery. Therefore, she must now undergo chemotherapy
> every 3 weeks for a total of 6 treatments.*

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> *My question is, when do most of the side effects start to occur? She had
> her first chemotherapy treatment Friday (two days ago). I hear horror
> stories about what chemotherapy does to the body, but right now it is
> hard to keep my mother still. As a matter of fact, the doctors seemed to
> be surprised that she didn't get sick the day of her first treatment.
> She refuses to sit down and relax- she continues to want to shop and
> clean the house. Her legs began to hurt today, and that is what it took
> for her to sit down. She refuses to lie down. Her doctor gave her
> medication for nausea, nutrition, and pain, so maybe that is why she
> does not feel sick.*

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> *(omitted text)*

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> *My mother has so much willpower and positive energy. The only thing that
> seems to worry her is hair loss. She wants to keep her hair, and worries
> about it falling out. Other than that she's upbeat.*

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> *DW*

I had 6 cycles of chemo for ovarian cancer starting last February. I did not have much nausea and was careful to take my anti-nausea meds on time. After I recovered from my surgery, more extensive than a hysterectomy, I returned to normal life, work, hiking, camping, etc. I am 52 years old. My hair did fall out starting about 2 weeks after the 1st session. I wear a hat or cap rather than a wig. My hair hasn't grown back yet but then I just finished a second set of chemo. The only other problem I has was numbness and skin peeling of my fingers and toes, that caused my oncologist to switch me to taxotere.

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I found being active and returning to normal life very helpful in getting through treatment. BTW, I did find that some of the anti-nausea meds made it hard for me to concentrate and I preferred to do active things rather than read or rest at times.

Good luck to your mother.