Keeping Track of Your Symptoms on Chemotherapy and Targeted Therapy

Use your Systemic Treatment booklet to get more information on side effects, and how to manage them. Page numbers are listed beside the side effects.

If your symptom has a star (*) beside the number, call:
________________________ or go to an emergency room (ER)

Symptom	Symptom Rating	Date of Cycle
Shortness of breath	0 My breathing is normal for me 1 Shortness of breath with moderate activity (stairs) *2 Shortness of breath with little activity *3 Shortness of breath even when I sit or lie down *4 I cannot breathe well (go to ER)	
Diarrhea (page 32) (rating is above your usual if diarrhea is normal for you)	0 No diarrhea 1 Diarrhea 2 to 3 more times a day than I usually do *2 Diarrhea 4 to 6 more times a day, or I have stools during the night *3 Diarrhea 7 to 9 more times a day *4 Diarrhea 10 or more times a day (go to ER)	
Constipation (page 31)	0 Not constipated 1 No bowel movements in 2 days *2 No bowel movements in 3 days *3 No bowel movements in 4 days (go to ER)	
Diet (page 54)	0 Can eat and drink like I normally do 1 Can eat and drink normal food, but less than usual *2 Can eat but am drinking half or less than usual *3 Cannot eat or drink (go to ER)	
Nerve Changes (Peripheral Neuropathy) (page 42)	0 No sensation changes 1 Numbness or tingling in my hands or feet *2 Pain in my hands or feet or pain or weakness all over *3 Difficulty doing up buttons, picking up coins, or feeling the shape of small objects when they're in my hand or difficulty walking	
Sensitivity to cold	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, date it started:	date it ended:
Coping	0 1 2 3 4 5 6* 7* 8* 9* 10* No difficulty … difficulty coping	
Pain level page 43	0 1 2 3 4* 5* 6* 7* 8* 9* 10* No pain … worst pain	
Anxiety page 49	0 1 2 3 4 5 6* 7* 8* 9* 10* No anxiety … worst anxiety	

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Rate your symptoms — read the symptom rating and choose the number that matches how you feel on that day.

Your doctors and nurses can use this information to help adjust your treatments, medications, or both so they may be more effective.

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Month: ________________________

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Fever (page 25)	**My temperature is:** 0 – Normal (37.0°C or 98.6°F) 1 – 37.1 to 37.9°C (98.7 - 100.3°F) *2 – 38.0 to 38.2°C (100.4 - 100.8°F) check again in **1 hour** *3 – More than 38.3°C (100.9°F) (go to ER)	
Vomiting (page 41)	0 Not vomiting 1 Vomited once in 24 hours *2 Vomited 2 to 5 times in 24 hours *3 Vomited 6 to 10 times in 24 hours *4 Vomited more than 10 times in 24 hours (go to ER)	
Nausea (page 41)	0 Can eat and drink like usual 1 Can eat and drink normal foods but less than usual *2 Can drink half or less than usual but I can eat *3 Cannot eat or drink (go to ER)	
Fatigue/ Tiredness (page 33)	0 No fatigue and can do my usual activity 1 Mild fatigue and can continue with normal activity *2 In bed/chair for part of the day due to my fatigue *3 In bed/chair for most of the day due to my fatigue *4 Can't get out of bed or I can't take care of myself	
Mouth Sores (page 39)	0 No mouth sores 1 Mouth sores that do not hurt or mild redness/soreness *2 Mouth sores are red or white, swollen and hurt, but I can still eat or drink *3 Mouth sores are red or white, swollen and hurt and I cannot eat or drink	
Skin changes to hands or feet (page 37)	0 No skin changes 1 Some redness or cracking to my skin *2 Skin changes with pain but I can still function *3 Skin changes with pain and difficulty functioning	