# UW Medicine UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON MEDICAL CENTER

# Memantine (Namenda)

How to take your Namenda tablets

### Why do I need this medicine?

Radiation treatments to the brain can affect your memory. Your doctor has prescribed memantine to help reduce this side effect of radiation therapy.

#### How do I take it?

Memantine tablets come in 2 doses: 5 mg and 10 mg. Week by week, here are your doses to take:

Week 1:	

• Morning: One 5 mg tablet

## Week 2: \_\_\_\_\_

- Morning: One 5 mg tablet
- Evening: One 5 mg tablet
  (A total of 10 mg a day)

## Week 3: \_\_\_\_\_

- Morning: Two 5 mg tablets
- Evening: One 5 mg tablet (A total of 15 mg a day)



Take your memantine tablets exactly as prescribed.

## **Questions?**

Your questions are important. Call your doctor or healthcare provider if you have questions or concerns.

Radiation Oncology: Call 206.598.3100 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

After hours and on weekends and holidays, call 206.598.6190 and ask to page the Radiation Oncologist on call.

Week 4:				

Start your new prescription of 10 mg tablets:

- Morning: One 10 mg tablet
- Evening: One 10 mg tablet (A total of 20 mg a day)

Continue this schedule for the next 5 months, until