Xeloda is used to treat metastatic breast cancer. It is taken by mouth as capsules twice daily.

Possible Side Effects:
- Soreness, redness, blisters, peeling of skin, pain of the palms of the hands and the soles of the feet
- Sores in the mouth and on lips
- Nausea – usually mild
- Diarrhea
- Loss of appetite
- Acne
- Darkening of skin color

Less Common Side Effects:
- Decrease in blood cell counts that could result in infection, anemia and changes in bleeding
- Headache and dizziness

These are the most common side effects for this medication. Talk to your healthcare provider if your symptoms become difficult to manage. If you experience a fever of 100.4 or more report to the emergency room and notify your doctor’s office: 713-566-3552 (English) or 713-566-3551 (Spanish).