

## **Azathioprine Induction Instructions for Patients**

**You will take your azathioprine every day as directed below.**

**Day 1            Start Azathioprine**

**Normal dose 2.5mg/kg but will also depend on the results of your blood test before you start your tablets.**

**Your dose is.....**

**Day 6            Have your blood test**

**Day 7            Telephone for results of blood test before taking next dose**

**Day 13           Have your blood test**

**Day 14           Telephone for results of blood test before taking next dose**

**Day 20           Have your blood test**

**Day 21           Telephone for results of blood test before taking next dose**

**Day 27           Have your blood test**

**Day 28           Telephone for results of blood test before taking next dose**

**Once you have reached a stable dose that controls your skin condition you will be asked to have your blood tests monthly for three months and then three monthly whilst you are taking azathioprine.**

**Your dermatology doctor or nurse will advise you of when your schedule for blood tests will change.**

**If the dose is increased at any time you will be asked to have a blood test a week after the dose increase and then monthly for 3 months.**

**You will be given a 'monitoring book'. Please bring your monitoring book to each clinic appointment.**

**Contact number.....**

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