# **Possible Side Effects of Methotrexate when given by mouth or by vein** (Table Version Date:

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| **COMMON, SOME MAY BE SERIOUS**In 100 people receiving Methotrexate, more than 20 and up to 100 may have: |
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| * Loss of appetite
* Increased risk of sunburn, rash
* Hair loss
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| **OCCASIONAL, SOME MAY BE SERIOUS**In 100 people receiving Methotrexate, from 4 to 20 may have: |
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| * Heart failure, which may cause shortness of breath, swelling of ankles, cough, or tiredness
* Fluid around heart
* Blood clot, possibly in the brain or lung,which may cause swelling, pain, shortness of breath
* Damage to the brain, which may cause tiredness, confusion, changes in mood, anxiety, dizziness, lightheadedness, ringing in the ears, difficulty speaking or understanding speech
* Weakness on one or both sides of the body
* Seizure
* Scarring of the lungs or damage to the lungs, which may cause shortness of breath, cough
* Low blood oxygen, which may cause shortness of breath, headache, confusion, or restlessness
* Infection, including pneumonia, especially when white blood cell count is low
* Internal bleeding which may cause belly pain, black tarry stool, blood in vomit
* Blood in urine
* Bruising, bleeding
* Anemia which may cause tiredness, or may require transfusion
* Hepatitis or damage to the liver which may cause yellowing of eyes and skin, swelling
* Kidney damage which may require dialysis
* Low blood pressure, which may cause feeling faint
* Blurred vision or other visual changes, possibly including temporary blindness
* Swelling and redness of the whites of the eye
* Sores in mouth which may cause difficulty swallowing
* Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, weight loss, heartburn, belly pain
* Menstrual changes
* Flu-like symptoms, including fever, chills, body aches, muscle pain, tiredness
* Headache
* Numbness and tingling of the skin
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| **RARE, AND SERIOUS**In 100 people receiving Methotrexate, 3 or fewer may have: |
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| * Allergic reaction which may cause rash, low blood pressure, wheezing, shortness of breath, swelling of the face or throat
* Stevens Johnson syndrome which may cause severe skin rash with blisters and peeling which can involve mouth and other parts of the body
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