# Possible Side Effects of Rituximab (Table Version Date: July 13, 2023)

| **COMMON, SOME MAY BE SERIOUS**In 100 people receiving Rituximab, more than 20 and up to 100 may have: |
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| * Infection, possibly in the blood, especially when white blood cell count is low
* Anemia which may require blood transfusion
* Nausea
* Reaction during or following infusion of the drug
* Numbness and tingling of the arms, legs, fingers, and/or toes
* Chills, fever
* Tiredness
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| **OCCASIONAL, SOME MAY BE SERIOUS**In 100 people receiving Rituximab, from 4 to 20 may have: |
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| * Abnormal heartbeat which may cause fainting
* High blood pressure which may cause headaches, dizziness, blurred vision
* Low blood pressure which may cause feeling faint
* Swelling of arms, legs
* Allergic reaction which may cause rash, low blood pressure, wheezing, shortness of breath, swelling of the face or throat
* Swelling and redness of the throat and sinuses (might not be caused by infection) which may cause difficulty breathing and swallowing
* Bruising, bleeding
* Prior liver infection that returns which may cause yellow eyes and skin, tiredness
* Tumor lysis syndrome which may cause kidney damage which may require dialysis
* A tear or a hole in the bowels that may require surgery
* Sores in mouth which may cause difficulty swallowing
* Belly pain, diarrhea, vomiting
* Depression
* Headache, dizziness
* Pain in back, muscles, joints
* Cold symptoms such as stuffy nose, sneezing, sore throat
* Itching, rash, blisters on the skin
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| **RARE, AND SERIOUS**In 100 people receiving Rituximab, 3 or fewer may have: |
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| * Heart attack which may cause chest pain, shortness of breath
* Heart stops beating
* Brain damage, progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (PML), which may cause tiredness, changes in thinking
* Damage to the lungs which may result in shortness of breath, cough, wheezing
* 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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