# **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 |

| **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 |

| **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 |