# **Possible Side Effects of Isotretinoin** (Table Version Date: February 1, 2023)

| **COMMON, SOME MAY BE SERIOUS**In 100 people receiving Isotretinoin, more than 20 and up to 100 may have: |
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| * Nose bleed
* Anemia which may cause tiredness, or may require blood transfusions
* Headache
* Pain in the back, joints or muscles
* Dry eye, skin, mouth, nose
* Blisters on the skin
* Redness and pain around lips
* Hair loss
* Itching
* Increased risk of sunburn
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| **OCCASIONAL, SOME MAY BE SERIOUS**In 100 people receiving Isotretinoin, from 4 to 20 may have: |
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| * Stroke which may cause paralysis, weakness
* Seizure
* Swelling of the brain which may cause increased pressure in the skull, headache, vision changes, nausea, or confusion
* Blockage of the airway which may cause shortness of breath, cough, wheezing
* Blood clot
* Infection, especially when white blood cell count is low
* Bruising, bleeding
* Damage to the liver which may cause yellow eyes and skin, tiredness
* Blurred vision , cloudiness of the eye, visual disturbances, swelling and redness of the whites of the eye
* Hearing loss and ringing in the ears
* Belly pain
* Internal bleeding which may cause black tarry stool, blood in vomit
* Swelling of the bowels which may cause pain, diarrhea
* Allergic reaction which may cause rash, low blood pressure, wheezing, shortness of breath, swelling of the face or throat
* Damage to the muscles
* Thoughts of suicide
* Violent behavior
* Depression
* State of mind that involves a "loss of contact with reality"
* Change in personality
* Fainting
* Nail changes
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| **RARE, AND SERIOUS**In 100 people receiving Isotretinoin, 3 or fewer may have: |
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| * 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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