# Possible Side Effects of 5-Fluorouracil (Table Version Date: January 13, 2025)

| **COMMON, SOME MAY BE SERIOUS** In 100 people receiving 5-Fluorouracil, more than 20 and up to 100 may have: |
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| * Diarrhea, nausea, vomiting * Sores in mouth which may cause difficulty swallowing * Swelling and redness at the site of the medication injection * Hand-foot syndrome (palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia) which may cause redness, pain or peeling of palms and soles * Increased risk of sunburn, itching, blisters on the skin, dry skin |

| **OCCASIONAL, SOME MAY BE SERIOUS** In 100 people receiving 5-Fluorouracil, from 4 to 20 may have: |
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| * Chest pain * Abnormal heartbeat which may cause fainting * Stroke, which may cause paralysis, weakness, headache * Confusion, difficulty walking and balancing * Allergic reaction which may cause rash, low blood pressure, wheezing, shortness of breath, swelling of the face or throat * Bruising, bleeding, or internal bleeding which may cause black tarry stools * Blood clot which may cause pain * Infection, especially when white blood cell count is low * Anemia which may require blood transfusions * Visual disturbances, abnormal eye movement, discomfort from light and watering eyes * Sores in stomach which may cause belly pain * Loss of appetite * Tiredness, headache * Change in skin or nails, rash * Hair loss |

| **RARE, AND SERIOUS** In 100 people receiving 5-Fluorouracil, 3 or fewer may have: |
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| * Heart attack or heart failure, which may cause shortness of breath, swelling of ankles, and tiredness * Altered mental status, confusion, disorientation, coma, difficulty walking and balancing * Stevens-Johnson syndrome which may cause severe skin rash with blisters and peeling which can involve the mouth and other parts of the body |