# Possible Side Effects of Methotrexate when given by spinal tap (Table Version Date: August 5, 2022)

| **COMMON, SOME MAY BE SERIOUS**In 100 people receiving Methotrexate, more than 20 and up to 100 may have: |
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| * Headache
* Nausea
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| **OCCASIONAL, SOME MAY BE SERIOUS**In 100 people receiving Methotrexate, from 4 to 20 may have: |
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| * Swelling of the brain which may cause blurred vision, and/or confusion
* Damage to the brain which may cause changes in thinking
* Anemia which may require blood transfusions
* Bruising, bleeding
* Infection, especially when white blood cell count is low
* Pain
* Vomiting
* Confusion, dizziness
* Difficulty with speaking
* Tiredness
* Rash
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| **RARE, AND SERIOUS**In 100 people receiving Methotrexate, 3 or fewer may have: |
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| * Seizure
* Damage to the brain which could lead to coma
* Paralysis, weakness
* Bleeding into the space of the spine at the site of the injection
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