# 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 |

| **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 |

| **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 |