# **Possible Side Effects of Tamoxifen** (Table Version Date: February 3, 2023)

| **COMMON, SOME MAY BE SERIOUS**In 100 people receiving Tamoxifen, more than 20 and up to 100 may have: |
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| * Swelling
* Nausea
* Abnormal or absence of menstrual period
* Vaginal discharge, vaginal bleeding
* Flushing, including hot flashes
* Changes in weight
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| **OCCASIONAL, SOME MAY BE SERIOUS**In 100 people receiving Tamoxifen, from 4 to 20 may have: |
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| * High blood pressure which may cause headaches, dizziness, blurred vision
* Cough, shortness of breath, chest pain
* Blood clot which may cause swelling, pain, shortness of breath
* Anemia which may cause tiredness, or may require blood transfusions
* Bruising, bleeding
* Infection, possibly in the blood, especially when white blood cell count is low
* Vomiting, diarrhea, constipation, heartburn, belly pain
* Breast pain, inflammation of the female genitals and vagina
* Cloudiness of the eye, visual disturbances
* Pain in bones, joints, muscles, loss of bone tissue
* Feelings of “pins and needles” in arms and legs
* Dizziness, headache
* Mood swings, depression, difficulty sleeping, worry
* Flu-like symptoms including fever, chills, body aches, muscle pain
* Tiredness
* Rash, skin changes, increased sweating, hair loss
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| **RARE, AND SERIOUS**In 100 people receiving Tamoxifen, 3 or fewer may have: |
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| * Heart attack which may cause chest pain, shortness of breath
* Stroke which may cause paralysis, weakness, headache
* Scarring of the lungs which may cause shortness of breath
* Allergic reaction which may cause rash, low blood pressure, wheezing, shortness of breath, swelling of the face or throat
* Cancer of the uterus (or womb) or other new cancer resulting from treatment
* 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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