



Side Effects of Osteoporosis Drugs

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The following symptoms list derives from various websites, including www.drugs.com. Click on “Advanced Consumer Information” to research your medications. If you have any symptom that starts a few weeks after you begin a new drug, go to Google, put in the name of the drug, then put in the symptom you are having to see what you discover. At www.AskAPatient.com, you can find reports from other persons who have had distressing symptoms after taking a particular drug.

Fosamax

- ★ **More common:** Abdominal pain
- ★ **Less common:** Difficulty swallowing; heartburn; irritation or pain of the esophagus; muscle pain
- ★ **Rare:** Skin rash
- ★ **Other less common:** Constipation; diarrhea; full or bloated feeling; gas; headache; nausea

Miacalcin

- ★ **More common:** Crusting, patches, or sores inside the nose; dryness, itching, redness, swelling, tenderness, or other signs of nasal irritation not present before use of this medicine; headaches (severe or continuing); nosebleeds; runny nose
- ★ **Less common:** Bloody or cloudy urine; breathing difficulty or wheezing (severe); difficult, burning, or painful urination; dizziness; frequent urge to urinate; loss of sense of smell; swollen glands; upper respiratory infection, with chest pain, chills, cough, ear congestion or pain, fever, head congestion, hoarseness or other voice changes, nasal congestion, runny nose, sneezing, or sore throat; an allergic reaction (difficulty breathing; closing of your throat; swelling of your lips, tongue, or face; or hives)
- ★ **Rare:** Hair loss; hives, itching, or skin rash; increased thirst; taste disturbances
- ★ **Other common:** Back pain; joint pain
- ★ **Other less common:** Abdominal pain; burning, dry, or itching eyes; constipation; diarrhea; flu-like symptoms (fever with or without chills, headache, body ache); flushing; mental depression; muscle pain; nausea; unusual tearing of eyes; unusual tiredness or weakness; upset stomach

Actonel

- ★ **More common:** Abdominal or stomach pain; skin rash
- ★ **Less common:** Abdominal or stomach pain (severe); belching; bone pain; cramping of stomach
- ★ **Rare:** Red, sore eyes
- ★ **Other common:** Diarrhea; headache; joint pain
- ★ **Other less common:** Blurred vision or change in vision; chest pain; constipation; cough; dizziness; dry eyes; fever; general feeling of discomfort or illness; headache; leg cramps; muscle weakness, nausea; ringing in the ears; swelling of feet or lower legs; weakness

Evista

- ★ **More common:** Bloody or cloudy urine; chest pain; difficult, burning, or painful urination; fever; frequent urge to urinate; infection, body aches or pain, congestion in throat, cough, dry or sore throat, loss of voice; runny nose; leg cramping; skin rash; swelling of hands, ankles, or feet; vaginal itching
- ★ **Less common:** Abdominal pain (severe); aching body pains; congestion in lungs; decreased vision or other changes in vision; diarrhea; difficulty in breathing; hoarseness; loss of appetite; nausea; trouble in swallowing; weakness
- ★ **Rare:** Coughing blood; headache or migraine headache; loss of or change in speech, coordination, or vision; pain or numbness in chest, arm, or leg; shortness of breath (unexplained)
- ★ **Other common:** Hot flashes, including sudden sweating and feelings of warmth (especially common during the first 6 months of treatment); increased white vaginal discharge; joint or muscle pain; mental depression; problems of stomach or intestines, including passing of gas, upset stomach, or vomiting; swollen joints; trouble sleeping; weight gain (unexplained)

Other common or **Other less common** side effects represent those that might go away during treatment as your body adjusts to the medicine. However, check with your doctor if any of these side effects continue.