

WARFARIN: POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

TRANSCRIPT

Your healthcare provider has prescribed warfarin to help you stay healthy. But, as with any medication, warfarin does have some side effects.

The most serious is unusual or uncommon bleeding. Call your healthcare provider if you notice minor bleeding from your nose, gums, or ears; bruises that form easily; unusual hemorrhoid bleeding or heavier than normal menstrual bleeding. And call 911 if you experience coughing up or vomiting blood; urine that looks red or rusty; red, black, or tarry bowel movements; or pain, swelling or discomfort in the stomach, abdomen or joints. These can be a sign of internal bleeding.

If you notice any change in the color or temperature of your skin, or you develop strange sores after starting warfarin, call your healthcare provider immediately. He may be able to adjust the dose or change your medication to help reduce your side effects.

However, you need to continue to take your warfarin medication. Do not stop taking your warfarin unless your healthcare provider tells you to.