



Side Effects: Rash

Rash is a common side effect or symptom of HCV treatment, but it is not as bad as the rashes from older hepatitis C treatments. The symptoms of rash can

be mild dry skin to bad skin rashes that includes bumps, blisters and they can be very itchy. If the rash does become serious it should be reported to a doctor or nurse.

There are many steps to take to help with a simple rash. Try these simple steps:

- ◆ Rub it or put pressure on it – never scratch it
- ◆ Make sure to drink plenty of water
- ◆ Make sure to keep your skin moist – put lotions on the skin
- ◆ Put oatmeal, baking soda or special oils in bath water
- ◆ Protect the skin and lips from the sun – use sunblock
- ◆ Do not take showers or baths with water that is too hot or cold
- ◆ Wear loose fitting clothes

The symptoms below are uncommon, but if you get them talk to your doctor or nurse as soon as possible:

- ◆ Pus that leaks from the skin
- ◆ Red streaks in the infected area
- ◆ Redness in the area that is infected
- ◆ Swelling in the body or around the area that is affected by the rash
- ◆ Fever and/or chills