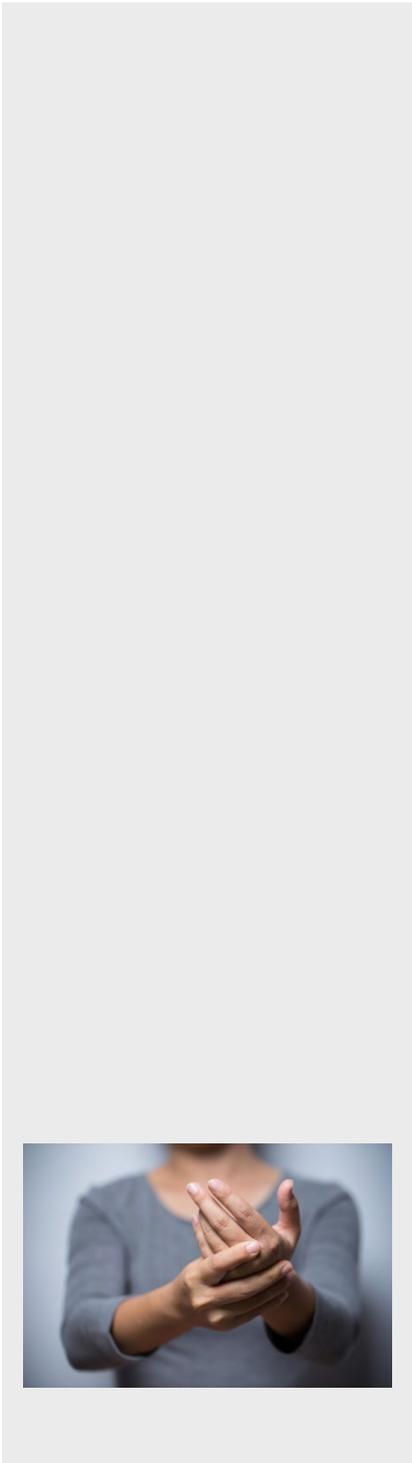


Skin reactions to drug therapy are extremely common. All drugs may

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induce skin reactions, if they do occur they are usually mild, however, some skin reactions are serious and potentially life-threatening. Because of this, all drug-associated rashes should be reported to your health care professional for evaluation.



What is dry skin?

Dry skin is characterized by mild scaling, roughness, feeling of tightness, and possibly itching. With dry skin reactions, the skin cells at the lower layer of the epidermis (top layer of skin) are dry and flat, with no moisture.

What is flushing?

Flushing is a temporary redness of the face and neck caused by dilation of the blood capillaries. Flushing is due to a variety of causes such as certain chemotherapy drugs. Other causes are alcohol and other drugs.

What is hyperpigmentation?

Hyperpigmentation is a darkening of the skin. This can occur as an overall darkening of the skin, or it can be localised. This may be connected to photo toxic reaction where the areas exposed to light may have a golden-brown or slate-grey colour change. Some drugs will cause changes in the nails, darkening of the tongue, gums, and over finger joints. Most skin reactions occur within two to three weeks of initiation of chemotherapy and resolve 10 to 12 weeks after stopping treatment.



What are nail changes?

There are several types of nail changes which may occur in patients receiving chemotherapy. The most common of these skin reactions seen, particularly in dark-skinned persons, is hyperpigmentation (darkening). Vertical or horizontal bands, or general darkening.

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