Mycophenolate Mofetil
A drug that suppresses the immune system

Common side effects

- Diarrhoea, vomiting & abdominal pain
- Ulceration & bleeding in stomach or intestines
- Fluid accumulation in legs or hands, faster heart rate, difficulty sleeping & dizziness.
- Bruising, bleeding & susceptibility to infections
- Fluid accumulation in lungs causing breathlessness and cough
- Liver inflammation & yellowing of the skin.

Patients must have regular blood tests

Note that benefits of treatment are usually greater than the risks; consult your doctor

Common Interactions with other medicines

- Antibacterials like rifampicin = reduce effect of mycophenolate
- The antibacterials metronidazole and norfloxacin = the amount of mycophenolate that reaches the blood is possibly reduced
- Antacids (indigestion remedies) = reduce absorption of mycophenolate
- Iron or cholestyramine = reduce absorption of mycophenolate
- Antivirals = mycophenolate raises levels of aciclovir in the blood and possibly those of ganciclovir.

Tell your doctor and pharmacist if you are taking these or any other medicines

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