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drug reactions with the sun

Some common prescription and over-the-counter drugs which have had reported reactions are:

skin agents isotretinoin (Accutane, Amnesteem, Claravis and Sortret) used for acne, acitretin (Soriatane) used for psoriasis, minoxidil (Rogaine) used for hair growth

pain medication ibuprofen (Advil and Motrin), celecoxib (Celebrex), diclofenac (Voltaren, Cataflam), meloxicam (Mobic), nabumetone (Relafen), naproxen (Anaprox), oxaprozin (Daypro), piroxicam (Feldene), butalbital (Fiorcet/Fiorinal)

antibiotics ciprofloxacin (Cipro), levofloxacin (Levaquin), tetracycline, minocycline (Minocin), doxycycline, metronidazole (Flagyl), sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim (Bactrim)

antidepressants amitriptyline (Elavil), doxepin (Sinequan), imipramine (Tofranil), citalopram (Celexa), escitalopram (Lexapro), fluoxetine (Prozac, Sarafem), fluvoxamine (Luvox), paroxetine (Paxil), sertraline (Zoloft)

antidiabetic agents glimepiride (Amaryl), glipizide (Glucotrol), glyburide (DiaBeta, Micronase)

antihistamines cetirizine (Zyrtec), diphenhydramine (Benadryl), loratadine (Claritin)

antifungals griseofulvin (Fulvicin, Gris-PEG), itraconazole (Sporanox), ketoconazole, terconazole (Terazol), voriconazole (VFEND)

erectile dysfunction sildenafil (Viagra), vardenafil (Levitra)

sedatives zolpidem (Ambien), zaleplon (Sonata)

heart and blood pressure medications amiodarone (Cordarone, Pacerone), amlodipine (Norvasc), captopril (Capoten), diltiazem (Cardizem, Tiazac), enalapril (Vasotec), hydralazine, losartan (Cozaar), nifedipine (Procardia), sotalol (Betapace), metoprolol

cholesterol lowering medications atorvastatin (Lipitor), fluvastatin (Lescol), lovastatin (Mevacor), pravastatin (Pravachol), simvastatin (Zocor), ezetimibe (Zetia)

diuretic medications (water pills) chlorthalidone (Thalitone), hydrochlorothiazide (Microzide), indapamide (Lozol), metolazone (Zaroxolyn), bumetanide (Bumex), furosemide (Lasix), triamterene/HCTZ (Dyazide/Maxide)

Certain anti-cancer, sedative, migraine and antiviral medications also have had reports of photosensitivity reactions. This is only a partial list. Photosensitivity will vary based on the individual. The key to preventing a phototoxic reaction is taking the proper precautions.

Be aware that some medications make your skin more sensitive to the sun. Talk to your pharmacist to see if you need to take extra precautions when in the sun. Ask your Meijer Pharmacist about the side effects of any medications you take. If they make you more sun sensitive, take extra precautions.

