

Photosensitising Medications

MEDICATIONS THAT MAY CAUSE PHOTOSENSITIVITY

The use of the following medications alone or in combination may induce hyperpigmentation, hypopigmentation, dermatitis, blister formation, burns, or increased sensitivity to Laser/IPL treatment. It is important to wait until the medication is discontinued and no longer poses a risk of increased photosensitivity, or refer the client to their GP to seek medical advice on their suitability for treatment whilst taking their medication.

ACNE MEDICATIONS

- isotretinoin (Accutane)
- tretinoin (Retin-A)

ANTICANCER DRUGS

- Dacarbazine (DTIC-Dome)
- Fluorouracil (Fluoroplex; and others)
- Methotrexate (Mexate; and others)
- Vinblastine (Veiban)

ANTI-ARTHRITICS

- Gold Salt thiomalate (Solganol)

ANTIDEPRESSANTS

- Amitriptyline (Elavil; and others)
- bupropion
- clonipramine
- Desipramine (Norpramin; Petrofrane)
- Doxepin (Adapin; Sinequan)
- fluoxetine (Prozac)
- Imipramine (Tofranil; and others)
- maprotiline
- mirtazapine (Remuron)
- Nortriptylin (Aventyl; Pamelor)
- paroxetine (Paxil)
- Protriptyline (Vivactil)
- sertraline (Zoloft)
- tricyclics (class)
- Trimipramine (Surmontil)

ANTINEOPLASTIC MEDICATIONS

- dacarbazine (DTIC-Dome)
- fluorouracil (Fluoroplex; and others)

- methotrexate (Mexate; and others)
- vinblastine (Velban)

ANTIHISTAMINES

- Astemizole
- Brompheniramine
- Cetirizine
- Cyproheptadine (Periactin)
- Diphenhydramine (Benadryl; and others)
- Claritin
- Terfenadine

ANTI-INFLAMMATORY

- celecoxib (Celebrex)
- ibuprofen (Motrin)
- naproxen (Naprosyn)

ANTIBIOTICS

- Azithromycin (Zithromax)
- demaclocycline (Declomycin; others)
- doxycycline (Vibramycin, Adoxa, Doryx, Periostat, Monodox, Oracea)
- griseofluvin (Fulvicin-U/F; others)
- hexachlorophene
- lomefloxacin (Maxaquin)
- methacycline (Randomycin)
- Minocycline (Solodyn, Minocyn)
- nalidixic acid (NegGram; others)
- oxytetracycline (Terramycin; others)
- quinolones (class)
- sulfonamides (class)
- sulfacyntine
- sulfamethazine
- sulfamethizole
- sulfamethoxazole trimethoprim (Bactrim, Septra)
- sulfasalazine (Azulfadine)
- sulfathiazole
- sulfisoxazole (Gantrisin)
- tetracyclines (class)

ANTIPSYCHOTICS

- Chlorpromazine (Thorazine; and others)
- Fluphenazine (Permitil; Prolixin)
- Haloperidol (Haldol)
- Perphenazine (Trilafon)

- Piperacetazine (Quide)
- Prochlorperazine (Compazine; and others)
- Risperidone
- Promethazine (Phenergan; and others)
- Thioridazine (Mellaril)
- Trifluoperazine (Stelazine; and others)
- Triflupromazine (Vesprin)
- Trichlormethiazide (Metahydrin; and others)
- Thiazides (Diuril; HydroDIURIL)
- Thiothixene
- Trimeprazine

HYPOGLYCEMICS

- Acetohexamide (Dymelor)
- Trimeprazine (Termaril)
- Chlorpropamide (Diabinese; Insulase)
- Tolazamide (Tolinase) Tolbutamide (Orinase; and others)
- glimipiride
- glipizide
- glybuide
- tolazimide (Tolinase)
- tolbutamide (Orinase; others)

CARDIAC MEDICATIONS

- ACE inhibitors (Vasotec)
- amiodarone (Cordarone)
- diltiazem (Cardizem)
- disopyramide (Norpac)
- losartan
- lovastatin (Mevacor)
- pravastatin (Pravachol)
- quinidine
- sotalol
- simvastatin (Zocor)

HORMONAL

- estrogen replacement
- oral contraceptives
- other hormones

HERBAL MEDICINES

- Additional plant families
- Agrimony (Agrimonia eupatoria)
- Angelica root and fruit (Angelica species)

- Bergamot peel (Citrus bergamia)
- Bitter orange peel (Citrus aurantium)
- Buttercup plant (Rannunculus species)
- Carrot family
- Celery (Apium graveolens)
- Cow Parsnip (Heracleum lanatum)
- Dill (Anethum graveolens)
- Fennel (Foeniculum vulgare)
- Fig (Ficus carica)
- Goosefoot (Chenopodium species)
- Iron tablets
- Khella fruit (Ammi visnaga)
- Lemon peel (Citrus limonia)
- Lomatium (Lomatium dissectum)
- Lovage root (Levisticum officinale)
- Parsley (Petroselinum sativum)
- Psoralea seeds (Cullen corylifolia, Psoralea corylifolia)
- Queen Anne's lace (Daucus carota)
- Rue leaves (Ruta graveolens)
- St Johns Wart (Hypericum perforatum)
- Yarrow plant (Achillea millefolium)

SUNSCREENS containing benzophenones

- PABA (p-aminobenzoic acid)

CHELATING AGENTS DIURETICS

- acetazolamide (Diamox)
- amiloride (Midamor)
- Bendroflumethiazide (Naturetin; and others)
- Benzthiazide (exna and others)
- Chlorothiazide (Diuril and others)
- Chlorathaldone
- Cyclothiazide (Anhydron)
- Furosemide (Lasix)
- Hydroflumethiazide (Diucardin; and others)
- Hydrochlorothiazide (HydroDIURIL; and others)
- Methyclothiazide (Aquatensen; Enduron)
- Metolazone (Diulo; Zaroxolyn)
- Polythiazide (Renese)
- Quinethazone (Hydromox)
- trichlormethiazide (Metahydrin; others)
- thiazides (class)