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Drugs that Cause unwanted hair Growth

The following are drugs with reported incidences of unwanted hair growth as a side effect. Generic names are listed first with trade names in parentheses. It should be noted that only a small minority of people will be affected by these drugs and caution should be exercised before attributing blame to the drug.

Hormones

Oral contraceptives – if hair growth has arisen since starting them

Oestrogen or Progesterone Therapy (Provera)

Cortisone (Cortisyl)

Prednisone and its derivatives (Deltacortril, Prednisolone, Precortisyl, Prednesol)

Dexamethasone (Decadron)

Topical Steroid Creams (Hydrocortisyl, Betnovate)

Testosterone (Restandol, Sustanon, Testoviron Depot)

Clomiphene (Clomid, scrophene – both are fertility stimulators)

Thyroid hormones (Synthrosin, Eltroxin)

Growth hormone (Norditrophin)

Anti-Depressants

Fluoxetine (Prozac)

Clompramine (Anafranil)

Sertaline (Lustral)

Venlafaxine (Efexor)

Bupropion (Wellutrin)

Trazadone (Milipaxin)

Topical Skin Preparations

Topical Steroids (as above)

Topical anti-bacterial (Neosporin)

Topical Anti-fungus (Nizoral, Daktarin)

Miscellaneous

Roaccutane anti-acne agent

Fenfluramine – weight loss agent (Ponderax)

Minoxidil – blood pressure reducer and hair growth stimulator (Regaine)