

# Can injecting steroids make you sick?

## What are 4 physical side effects of steroids?

### **General Physical Side Effects of Steroids**

- · liver damage.
- · kidney damage.
- increased blood pressure and cholesterol (risk for heart disease)
- depressed immune system (risk for infections)
- headache and stomach ache.
- · nosebleeds.
- severe facial and body acne.
- decreased joint flexibility.

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# Do steroids mess up your body?

Possible Health Effects of Steroid Use:

**Increased risk of liver, kidney, and prostate cancer**. **High** blood pressure, which increases the chance of heart attack and stroke. Abnormal cholesterol levels, which increase the chance of heart attack and blood vessel disease.

## How long do injectable steroids stay in your system?

If taken orally, steroids can show up in a urine test for up to 14 days. If injected, steroids can show up for **up to 1 month**.

### Can steroids damage your heart?

This study shows that taking steroids, even for a short period of time, may cause permanent damage to the heart. Findings also suggest that the more steroids a person takes over time, the worse the heart damage will be.



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### What are the worst side effects of steroids?

#### Both men and women who take anabolic steroids may:

- Get acne.
- Have an oily scalp and skin.
- Get yellowing of the skin (jaundice)
- Become bald.
- Have tendon rupture.
- Have heart attacks.
- Have an enlarged heart.
- Develop significant risk of liver disease and liver cancer.

### What are 5 common side effects of steroids?

#### What Are Side Effects of Prednisone?

- headache,
- nausea,
- vomiting,
- acne, thinning skin,
- · weight gain,
- restlessness, and.
- trouble sleeping.

### What are the side effects of a steroid shot?

#### Potential side effects of steroid injections include:

- pain around the injection site, ranging from minor to intense pain, which is often called a cortisone or steroid flare.
- bruising around the injection site.
- face flushing for a few hours.

- thin or pale skin around the injection site.
- insomnia.

### Are steroid injections safe?

There's concern that repeated cortisone shots might damage the cartilage within a joint. So doctors typically limit the number of cortisone shots into a joint. In general, you shouldn't get **cortisone** injections more often than every six weeks and usually not more than three or four times a year.

### What is moon face?

If your face has gradually swollen into a rounded shape, you may have moon facies. Also called moon face, this is usually not serious. But it may make you feel self-conscious. Moon facies occurs when extra fat builds up on the sides of the face. It is often related to obesity but can be from Cushing's syndrome.

### How do steroids make you feel?

Some people who take steroids say the drugs make them feel **powerful and energetic**. However, steroids are also known to increase irritability, anxiety and aggression and cause mood swings, manic symptoms and paranoia, particularly when taken in high doses.

## How long does steroids take to work?

Oral steroids normally **improve symptoms within one to four weeks**, while intravenous steroids take four to 10 days. Around one in five people shows no response to steroid treatment (this is known as being steroid refractory).

## Can you stay on steroids forever?

You **should NOT stop on your own accord** even if you are feeling better. If you have been using steroids for more than a few weeks (or a week in the case of prednisone 40 mg per day or more) you will need to gradually reduce the dose before stopping completely.

### Do steroids cause shortness of breath?

Prednisone can cause **allergic reactions** (chest tightness, trouble breathing, rash, itching, facial swelling, hives or swelling in the mouth or throat), which warrant immediate medical attention.

### Can steroids cause chest pain?

If you are taking prednisone and begin to experience chest pressure or pain, shortness of breath, or have a heart rate lower than 50 beats per minute that is accompanied by symptoms such as feeling faint or passing out, seek emergency medical attention.

# Can steroids cause palpitations?

**Cardiac arrhythmias** have been reported to occur in 1% to 82% of patients receiving high doses of corticosteroids. These adverse effects, which include atrial fibrillation/flutter, ventricular tachycardias and sinus bradycardia,<sup>5</sup> are usually associated with the intravenous route of administration.

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