

Common Drugs the Cause Pulmonary Fibrosis

From the article “Common Drugs Lead to Millions of Cases of Lung Disease”

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Many of these drugs are chemo drugs and/or drugs used to treat cancer (many of them for lung cancer). However, they have other uses as well. Many are used to treat various autoimmune disorders such as Rheumatoid Arthritis, etc. Some are antibiotics. Some are used more often than others in general day to day treatment (such as Methotrexate – used widely for sarcoid disease and even as a treatment for PF/IPF itself, which can markedly accelerate the disease process and Nitrofurantoin – used commonly and aggressively for urinary tract infections. It is one of the “go to drugs” for UTIs by many doctors. There are many other effective drugs for UTIs that are much safer).

These are all drugs to be watchful of when thinking about your ongoing lung health – the risk of PF/IPF and/or the risk of accelerating existing PF/IPF. Consider speaking with your healthcare team about these drugs and possible alternatives.

The drugs are:

Adalimumab – used to treat arthritis, Chron’s disease, plaque psoriasis, ankylosing spondylitis, and ulcerative colitis (also known as Humira)

Amiodarone – used to treat heart rhythm problems (also known as Nexterone and Pacerone)

Atezolizumab – used to treat cancer (also known as Tecentriq)

Avelumab – used to treat cancer (also known as Bavencio)

Bleomycin – used to treat cancer (also known as Bleo 15K)

Carbamazepine – anticonvulsant, used to treat seizures, nerve pain, and bipolar disorder (also known as Tegretol, Carbatrol, and Eptol)

Cetuximab – used to treat cancer (also known as Erbitux)

Distamycin – antibiotic (also known as Herperetin and Stallimycin)

Durvalumab – used to treat cancer (also known as Imfinzi)

Erlotinib – used to treat cancer (also known as Tarceva)

Etanercept – used to treat rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, psoriatic arthritis, and plaque psoriasis (also known as Enbrel)

Everolimus – used to treat cancer (also known as Zortress and Afinitor)

Gefitinib – used to treat cancer (also known as Iressa)

Gemcitabine – used to treat cancer (also known as Gemzar)

Golimumab – used to treat rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, and ulcerative colitis (also known as Simponi)

Infliximab – used to treat psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, Chron’s disease, plaque psoriasis, ulcerative colitis, and sarcoid disease (also known as Remicoid)

Ipilimumab – used to treat cancer (also known as Yervoy)

Irinotecan – used to treat cancer (also known as Camptosar and Onivyde)

Leflunomide – used to treat rheumatoid arthritis (also known as Arava)

Methotrexate – used to treat cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis, and sarcoid disease (also known as Trexall, Rasuvo, Otrexup, and Xatmep)

Nitrofurantoin – used to treat urinary tract infections (also known as Macrobid, Furadantin, and Macrochantin)

Nivolumab – used to treat cancer (also known as Opdivo)

Panitumumab – used to treat cancer (also known as Vectibix)

Pembrolizumab – used in cancer immunotherapy (also known as (Keytruda)

Pemetrexed – used to treat cancer (also known as Alimta)

Sirolimus – immunosuppressant (also known as Rapamune)

Temsirolimus – used to treat cancer (also known as Torisel)

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