

## Coumadin - Possible Side Effects

Side effects with Coumadin®/warfarin may happen. Side effects may include bleeding.



To lower the risk of bleeding, your blood Coumadin®/warfarin level will be kept within a range that is right for you.

Even when your INR blood test is in range, you might see a little bleeding, like bruises on your body or slight gum



bleeding when you brush your teeth. Some people may experience hair loss or skin rashes, but this is rare. If you notice something wrong that you feel may be caused by your medication, call your doctor.

### Slight bleeding—you may notice from time to time:

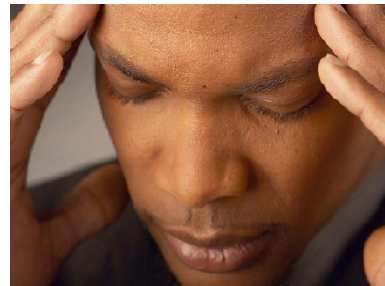
- Gum bleeding while brushing teeth.
- Occasional nosebleed.
- Easy bruising.
- Bleeding after a minor cut that stops within a few minutes.



- Menstrual bleeding that is a little heavier than normal.

### Major bleeding—call your doctor, or go to the hospital emergency room if you have:

- Red, dark, coffee, or cola colored urine.
- Bowel movements that are red or look like tar.
- Bleeding from the gums or nose that does not stop quickly.
- Vomit that is coffee colored or bright red.
- Anything red in color that you cough up.



- Severe pain, such as a headache or stomachache.
- Sudden appearance of bruises for no reason.

- Menstrual bleeding that is much heavier than normal.
- A cut that will not stop bleeding within 10 minutes.
- A serious fall or hit on the head.
- Dizziness or weakness.



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