

Warning When Prescribed an Antibiotic
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Disclaimer: Please recognize that I am not a Medical Doctor. I have been an avid student researching and studying prostate cancer as a survivor and continuing patient since 1992. I have dedicated my retirement years to continued research and study in order to serve as an advocate for prostate cancer awareness, and, from a activist patient's viewpoint, to help patients, caregivers, and others interested develop an understanding of prostate cancer, its treatment options, and the treatment of the side effects that often accompany treatment. Readers of this paper must understand that the comments or recommendations I make are not intended to be the procedure to blindly follow; rather, they are to be reviewed as my opinion, then used for further personal research, study, and subsequent discussion with the medical professional/physician providing prostate cancer care.

The spouse of a PC patient prescribed the antibiotic Levaquin reported that her husband experienced Tendon Rupture as the result of being prescribed this medication.

In checking this side effect, I found that this is not an uncommon side effect, among several other side effects, when being prescribed most any fluoroquinolones – that includes Cipro, another antibiotic often prescribed patients - to determine, for example, if a urinary infection is causing a rise in PSA.

Accordingly, I would caution ALL patients, when prescribed any antibiotic, to both ask their physician as well as their pharmacist of the side effects that might occur from the administration of this medication. Please review the following:

http://www.levaquin.com/levaquin/about_levaquin_effects-levaquin.html

It appears that when a patient picks up his prescription of any fluoroquinolones from his pharmacy a warning regarding tendon rupture and other side effects should be provided with the prescription.

Please read the warning that is included regarding both Levaquin and Cipro side effects on the internet drug index “RxList.”

<http://www.rxlist.com/levaquin-drug.htm>

<http://www.rxlist.com/cipro-drug.htm>