



Drugs that Should Be Avoided While Taking Pemetrexed (Alimta®)

While you are taking Pemetrexed (also called Alimta®) you should not take some pain relievers that are commonly found in over the counter medicines. Serious side effects can occur including infection, bruising, bleeding, fatigue, and shortness of breath. Stop taking all medicines that contain any of the following drugs a week before you start taking Alimta® and do not take them while you are on therapy.

Brand Name	Generic Name
Salicylates:	
Bayer, Ecotrin, St. Joseph's	Aspirin
Amigesic	Salsalate
Azulfidine	Sulfasalazine
Dolobid	Diflunisal
Tricosal, Trilisate	Choline magnesium trisalicylate
NSAIDS	
Celebrex	Celecoxib
Cataflam, Voltaren, Zipsor	Diclofenac
Arthrotec	Diclofenac + misoprostol
Lodine	Etodolac
Nalfon	Fenoprofen
Ansaid	Flurbiprofen
Advil, Motrin	Ibuprofen
Indocin	Indomethacin
Ketoprofen	Ketoprofen
Toradol	Ketorolac
Meclomen	Meclofenamate
Ponstel	Mefenamic Acid
Mobic	Meloxicam
Relafen	Nabumetone
Anaprox, Aleve, Naprosyn	Naproxen
Daypro	Oxaprozin
Feldene	Piroxicam
Clinoril	Sulindac
Tolectin	Tolmetin

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