

I took a fluoroquinolone product for 2 weeks in the early 1980s. Shortly afterward, playing volleyball, my Achilles tendon ruptured. About 4 months later, there were many articles about this possible side effect and a discussion of possibly stopping their production. What happened? Did everyone simply forget? Does the FDA just not know what they are doing or are the payoffs just too good? Somebody is not telling the whole story here.

Posted by: Ed | July 08, 2008 at 06:14 PM

My freshman year of college, I took Cipro for an infection and tore both of my Achilles tendons! When it happened, I was immediately taken off of the drug by my physician, but it still did a lot of damage. I was so thrilled to hear about the black box warning now!

Posted by: Allison | July 09, 2008 at 09:27 AM

I had been on cipro 3 times in one year when both ACL's detached from the bone attachments from an unseemingly simple twist.

Posted by: KM | July 09, 2008 at 10:37 AM

Oct 28, 2008

I told my doctor I did not want to take Cipro because of the torn tendon issue and he told me to take it for only a week. I did and 2 weeks later I had a torn tendon in my right thigh. It has been numb ever since. I have seen a specialist who says nothing can be done. Is it too late to join a class action law suit? I am in Pennsylvania.

Jc Johnson Friday I finished a Levaquin prescription for a sinus infection, Saturday my left Achilles tendon spontaneously ruptured while rising from a chair. NOW they tell me that Levaquin weakens the tendons and to avoid exercise and strenuous physical activity while taking it. Also reading all of the adverse side effects of the drug and am really angry. So who knows about legal processes that have been going on with this? And they clearly are not reporting the amount of ruptures that occur - the day I walked out of my ortho's office in this boot and was diagnosed with this rupture I ran into two people who had the same experience taking Levaquin - one's mother had both Achilles tendons rupture from taking Levaquin. They say this is rare - I doubt that claim with the number of people and health care providers that ask me if I was on Levaquin when they hear that my Achilles tendon ruptured.

Virginia Dare Kaplan Go online and search Levaquin Litigation= you will find several law firms who are handling ruptures-----but please do it now- pull your medical records and contact an attorney, There is a huge class action suit in Minnesota with 6000 persons who have ruptures. No rupture, no case at this point in time. Thousands of us are living a painful life.

Feb 25, 2009

I was prescribed Cipro more than once and never warned about any dangers of this drug. I suffered ruptured arch-bearing tendons in both feet. The arch-bearing tendons are the foundations of the foot and since then my foot structure has been deteriorating, I am now considered disabled since I have so much trouble walking. This drug ruined my life. If anyone thinks any of these people are trying to get money for nothing, they are total fools. They better learn the word "compassion" and hope something like this never happens to them. I too would like to know if there is a class-action suit against the manufacturers of Cipro that I can get in on. I think any drug that cripples and disables people owes that person something.

- **Rachel Rosenberg**

Recently met a girl who mentioned she had tendonitis in her foot and that it was incredibly painful. I asked how she got it and she said she literally woke up with it one morning. I asked had she ever taken Cipro . . . and she said yes . . . several times.

I also overheard a conversation on the train about a lady whose Achilles tendon had snapped, for no reason, as she was just walking along normally. They couldn't understand how that could happen....

- **Rachel Brummert**

Jen, I took the plunge and I now have an attorney. We are suing the makers of Cipro and Levaquin. I've had 4 tendon ruptures in 5 years. Three in my ankle and one on my arm (so far). I'm having surgery on 9/23 for my arm. We are also suing to make the makers of these drugs take these horrible drugs off the market. I am told it will be a 3 to 5 year ordeal but I do have a legitimate claim against them. These drugs left me with ruptured tendons, tendinitis, and permanent joint damage. I was on the fence about suing. Its not me. I think our society is too sue-happy and it pains me to do this. But after researching this more, I knew in my heart that I have to do this. Hoping for a good outcome.

- **Kelli Farrand Chan**

Is anybody aware of a connection between fluoroquinolones and ligament damage? After having been recently diagnosed with rotator cuff tendinitis, biceps tendinitis, and a tear in one rotator cuff tendon, today, I was told that my plantar fascia ligament is tearing away from my heel bone. So, now I'm in a boot and thinking about how much I don't believe in coincidences.

I have no doubt that these drugs are destroying many unsuspecting people's lives every day. They appear to be so insidious as to often inflict their worst damage long after the course of antibiotic has been concluded. I believe that largely because of the nature of these adverse reactions, many people never attribute their devastating health issues to the use of fluoroquinolones. Ten years ago, I was

extremely athletic and in excellent overall health. Shortly after taking a ten-day course of Cipro prescribed for a minor GI problem, I began to experience some numbness and burning pain around my Achilles tendons, but had absolutely no reason to ever suspect that it could have been from an antibiotic. Several weeks later I began to develop other more serious issues as well, all within a very short period of time and for no apparent reason. These problems continued to persist and worsen until I was finally diagnosed as being permanently disabled due to severe neuromuscular issues. I now live my life in unbearable pain 24/7. I could ask why such dangerous drugs are still being prescribed for such minor problems, but I think I already know the answer to that.

I took Cipro and was a healthy 28 year old in school for civil engineering at PSU now I can't leave my apartment . There is no help for me or any one like me who has suffered this reaction. Some one has to help us PLEASE. It's been months and i can't walk or go to the store or school. It has completely ruined my life.

I found 1 law firm which you can easily google who took down my info & said they might call.(I'm in California.) I took Cipro in December of '07 and I have been suffering from tendon ruptures in my left hamstring ever since. I have had severe pain standing, walking, etc. much of the time & after going to physical therapy to address this problem a couple of weeks ago, I somehow injured my left knee. Now, I can hardly walk at times and have chronic pain. Prior to the Cipro, I worked out 5 times a week-- in aerobics classes, with weights or playing squash. Please keep in touch.

I know a victim by name only, who went into the ER with a ruptured Achilles tendon and the docs were like what the heck is this. He tells them about the FQ's causing it. Black Box tendon warnings actually came out that day. So they repair the rupture. Over the next month, he returns on numerous separate occasions with four or five more ruptures all occurring in different places as well as the re-ruptures of the reattached tendon and the docs were going "what the hell is going on here." All along he said to the same docs over and over it's the FQ's. He even came in with the official FDA package insert and they still didn't get it. I just cannot contemplate that scenario.

Jul 8, 2008

I have not been able to walk properly since the end of January when I took Cipro eye drops. It has been rough. How do I join a class action suit?

I was a healthy 42 year old male who took Levaquin for a sinus infection. The same day as the Black Box Warning was issued; I was having my third tendon reattachment surgery. I have to wait at least 6 weeks before I can undergo yet a fourth tendon rupture reattachment . . . I would urge a real journalist to take the time and look at the real number of cases. The FDA numbers

are misleading. The clinical data coming from other counties are showing much higher rates of tendon ruptures and other life threatening side effects.

Richard Bonnie Jacobus Only one dose and I got a tendon tear! Getting a copy of my previous rx list would explain another issue that I had after taking these drugs. My new doctor who prescribes these, actually looked it up in a medical book and read what I said as true.

*posted by **Pete** on 08 Jun 2006 at 5:13 pm*

Took 500 Mg a day for 14 days back in January 2006. Have had sore Achilles tendons ever since. When I get up in the morning they feel like they are going to rip. Doctor says I have acute tendonitis in both. Only found out today by chance hearing a lawyer commercial on TV about the side effects. Does anyone know about a class action?

*posted by **Lynn King** on 14 Jun 2006 at 2:56 pm*

My Mom who is now in her 80's & very active suffered a right arm rotor cuff tear after being on Cipro from a knee replacement surgery back in 2001. At that time, had no clue that it was related to drugs.

Then she had several toe surgeries in a row, 2 years ago and was put on Levaquin after a severe infection from the hospital. And after just 1 or 2 doses she called me to say that her left arm hurt like hell and it felt just like her right arm did several years ago and couldn't figure out what happened. Her Doctor called me just a few months ago and she said " You Were Absolutely Right". She had just attended a seminar on the fluoroquinolones and it advised the Drs. not to prescribe to elderly and as a 1st line of defense.

*posted by **Danita Lampi** on 24 Jun 2006 at 6:54 pm*

I took Levaquin for a sinus infection and the 2nd day I started getting horrible pain in my wrist. I didn't realize at the time it was from the drug. I've been waiting for it to get better but so far it is still painful at the joint. I will be seeing a doctor about it this week. My husband was also on the same medication for a bronchial infection. He now has severe knee pain in his joints and has a hard time getting up from a sitting position because of the pain. Neither one of us had any of these problems before we went on the Levaquin. I found out about the side effects of it after the fact. I can't believe they are still selling this drug. It is poison!!!

*posted by **Bill Snyder** on 08 Aug 2006 at 7:24 pm*

I (61 yr male) was on a 10 day course of Levaquin (750 mg) in mid-June to treat cellulitis in my left hand. In late July, I suffered a rupture of my left distal (lower) biceps tendon. Coincidence or not, I'm very concerned. And how does one convince the insurance company, the two events are likely

related?
Thanks, Bill

- Becky Clamp I used to run 5 miles a day, do the elliptical machine, and roller blade, spin class. 8 months ago had 4 Levaquin pills, trashed my Achilles tendons. Wrists hurt whenever drug cycles in body. Was hard to walk, had to buy new car as couldn't use a clutch. I became a swimmer. Can finally kick in pool, do some stationary bike and walk up and down stairs. Hoping for full recovery in time.
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Oct 17, 2006

In the past 18 months I have been prescribed, and taken, 8 cycles of Cipro for recurring UTI's. I now have ruptured tendons and ligaments in my left elbow, left flank, outer aspect of left foot, right knee and right ankle. I am in constant pain. I have never experienced prior instances of ligament and tendon rupture. Is there a class action suit pending with such complaints as a part of the suit? Is Utah included in the suit?

James Riviere

Hi there, i am a 55 yr old male from New Zealand and have Inexplicably suffered for the last 4 years with various ailments from 2 torn rotator cuffs, arthritis in many parts of my body, torn calf muscles, tendon ruptures and crippling arthritis to my left hand and thumb, prior to 2008 I was quite fit and had an outdoor job, I have recently been put on a 2 week course of ciprofloxacin for a lung infection, after the second day I woke up early in the morning and every part of my body that had problems had inflamed and I had to roll on to the floor as both my arms were stuffed and couldn't raise them above my waist and was in so much pain, I rang my doctor next day but he was in Australia for 10 days, so I started looking on the web for reactions to this drug and saw numerous forums with thousands of people with similar problems, it wasn't till I phoned my doctors secretary and asked if I had been prescribed this before and she said yes a 2 week course in Jan 2008 for a Pseudomonas ear infection ,well the alarm bells went off as I realized all these problems started 1 month after taking them, so I think that this drug had to responsible for my problems as I was quite fit prior to 2008 and had no family history of arthritis, ligament ,muscle and tendon problems, I finally got with my doctor who had never heard of these side effects and did not believe these symptoms possible until I showed him on the internet and also CNN News Videos stating that it had been Black boxed, I am from Scotland and also lived in the States and

Canada, is it worth my while pursuing this by writing to the drug company or should I take some other path? would appreciate any suggestions. Thanks

1. [Matthew Lake](#) on July 10th, 2008

I took only 3 doses of Cipro and it caused bilateral Achilles tendinitis and bilateral tendinitis in both of my wrists. This has taken so far 9 months to get better and still not completely healed... I was a very healthy athletic 23 year old and got injured by this drug. My doctor said I would heal in 3 weeks! but it never happened.

2. [Gary Boyles](#) on July 11th, 2008

The number of side effects and the seriousness of these side effects caused by this class of antibiotics is grossly underrated and under-reported. Tendon damage is only one of the many injuries these drugs inflict on thousands of people each year. The delay in time between taking these drugs and having the adverse reactions present is what has concealed the high number of reactions. Most Dr's do not even realize that the tendon, nerve, muscle and CNS injuries that their patients develop after taking Fluoroquinolones is related to the antibiotic.

The true number of people affected each year by these antibiotics is astounding and has been well hidden by the manufacturers. There are thousands of people that have been permanently crippled and hundreds of thousands more that have suffered the ADR's of Fluoroquinolones for months to years.

I can only say that this Black Box warning is way overdue and still doesn't cover many of the other severe and disabling side effects these drugs inflict.

3. [rocky adams](#) on July 13th, 2008

I am not terribly surprised by the FDA finally getting around to issuing this warning. Just in my immediate family, I have had 3 people including myself have severe tendon issues after taking this antibiotic class with one being an Achilles tendon rupture, and I have had my mother-in-law have such terrible anxiety related issues she stopped taking Levaquin after 1 dose. Guess what? None of these four individuals' reactions were ever reported to the FDA or anyone else by the doctors. Why? Because it isn't mandatory to report so therefore doctors do not take the time to report anything. So I hate to break it to you guys, but the side effects to this drugs just in the tendon area is tremendous if the FDA actually studies it. If the FDA also takes the time to look into all the other side effects from this class of drugs then its goodbye fluoroquinolones because these meds are dangerous.

4. [Mary on July 16th, 2008](#)

I was on two rounds of Levaquin back to back approx. three months ago for tenacious UTI. While on meds I noticed pain in right arm, which increased after I stopped the medicine. I wasn't doing anything athletic at the time or strenuous. It's now been months off the meds and I am still in constant pain. The doctor said most tendon problems with the drugs have to do with the Achilles tendon but he also admits I have tendonitis in my arm. I am afraid there might be a rupture or other damage but my insurance co is refusing to allow an MRI. I am going to see my rheumatologist next to see if there is anything he can do. This has been just awful as I am right handed and need my hand and arm to work, etc. Are any lawsuits being filed against the makers of these medicines?
Thanks, Mary

5. [Susan Mullins on July 16th, 2008](#)

When I heard the news about the antibiotics that can cause tendonitis and/or tendon ruptures, I was shocked, but had my answer to what had caused my case of tendonitis last summer. I've had such severe and chronic sinus infections for the last 20 years that I've often been prescribed Cipro and Levaquin. To top it off, my nurse practitioner often gives me a steroid shot to reduce inflammation and pain, to induce healing. Crazy, I now know. I suffered such bad tendonitis last summer for no apparent reason that I couldn't walk. I was put in a cast for 3 weeks and almost lost out on a trip to Las Vegas. I went to Las Vegas with a frightening bright blue cast and a lovely husband who agreed to push me in a wheel chair. We had a great time, but a year later, I still suffer from pain in that ankle and worry all the time about the tendonitis coming back.

6. [ciprovictimalso on July 19th, 2008](#)

My husband is a former Marine. He kept in shape over the years & was in great physical condition in 1998 before taking Cipro. He was in his early 40's at that time and quite strong. Shortly after taking Cipro, his arms & legs started to jerk involuntarily when he would try to rest . . . Around a month after taking Cipro, the muscle & joint pain started . . . In 1999, he had his first rupture in the back of his left calf around 11 months after taking Cipro. This was an avulsion because the muscle tore completely loose from where it was attached at the bottom of the calf. In 2000, the quadriceps tendon tore at his right knee. In 2001, a quadriceps muscle tore apart in the center of his right thigh. All these injuries occurred with no warning. None of the doctors knew what caused this. His legs were very damaged at this point and causing him quite a bit of pain. He kept trying to work though, telling me as long as he had two good arms left, he'd make a living for his family. For the next few years the ruptures seemed to have stopped . . . In 2004, he took CiproXR. Shortly afterwards most of the previous conditions he was having from the first time he took Cipro got far worse such as the involuntary jerking movements of his arms & legs . . . Tendonitis cases became more frequent. Around 11 months after taking CiproXR, his triceps ruptured at his right elbow in 2005. Months later his triceps & biceps were damaged in his right arm. Near the end of 2005, another tendon ruptured in his lower left forearm using the amount of pressure a person would use to squeeze a blood pressure bulb. He became disabled after this. I never thought a medicine could do all this. He had 6 ruptures & no one knew why. This should not have happened to him or anyone else.

7. [Laura Calderon on July 19th, 2008](#)

Well, the black box warning about tendon ruptures is a start, BUT there is so much more to warn people about. I was misdiagnosed with a kidney infection and began taking Levaquin (500mg once per day) in September 2006. On the 5th day I had to stop taking the medication due to severe shin pain and Achilles tendon pain. I began to have difficulty walking . . . Levaquin has brutally altered my quality of life.

8. [Mary Ann on October 17th, 2008](#)

I am writing this letter in utter desperation to find some relief for the awful pain that I have in my left arm/shoulder, left leg, above the Achilles tendon, and pain in upper right arm as well..

I had a sinus infection and was prescribed Levaquin by my ENT Dr., and after taking just 5 pills, I began to have a stinging pain in my upper left arm., after about the fifth day, I ended up going to the ER, I thought that my arm was surely going to explode. It is now 5 months later, and I am still in

horrible pain, and still have swelling on upper part of left arm, looks like I have a big indentation there, and there is also two bruised marks that have been there for 5 months and have not gone away, I don't know who to talk to, where to go anymore.

My medical Doctors have tried to help with pain meds, I have had an MRI of shoulder, and left arm, also a bone scan as well. Nothing is helping and I am so upset.

Thank you for this, Mary Ann

I was hoping people would say no to that last question but the Flox Report seems to indicate that is quite common. I was floxed just 8 weeks ago and started tendon/ligament/joint pain immediately (after 3500mg of Cipro 7 pills) in feet, knees, elbows especially. Requiring crutches for a while due to plantar fascia tendon pain. Feet burned and throbbed for a couple of weeks and then subsided completely.

In the last week I got much better as far as the feet (tendon) were concerned and walked normally. All of a sudden yesterday it all came back with a vengeance. Now its Achilles tendonitis and feet burning but most aggravating deep sharp shoulder pain radiating down the arm and what feels like ripped muscle in the back and around the ribs. Hard to sit, stand or anything else. Oddly, by far the worst on all these symptoms is the right side. Elbow tendonitis continues to be an aggravating issue.

So I guess it's common to have problems acutely during the floxing or immediately thereafter and then get better and cycle back again for months.

Jim

- Amy Moser
It's been nearly 2 years since my last dose of Cipro for a UTI. I have had over 13 torn tendons and 6 surgeries to repair them. I am still having ruptures. Has anyone of you with the tendon tears ever stopped rupturing tendons? I just would love some hope that this will eventually stop
- Amy Moser Thank you so much you guys, it's nice to have others that know what you're facing. I took Cipro for 14 days. I took 500mg 2x a day. Within 11 days I tore the ligament and damaged the cartilage in my knee so badly while trying on a swimsuit that I had to have a cadaver tendon to replace it. During the knee recovery I tore the lunotriquetral ligaments in both wrists, while wearing a cast for the wrist surgeries I dislocated my shoulder and caused some damage, then I tore my left Achilles tendon literally 3 times on separate occasions, once while on my tiptoes reaching for toilet paper in my hall closet, once just walking and once getting up from a chair. From the strain of the walking boot for the Achilles I developed tendinosis in my hip flexors and arthritis in my hips and pubic bone not to mention a small tear and tenosynovitis in my posterior tibialis tendon on my right foot. I tore my left elbow putting a gallon of milk in the fridge and just injured my right elbow scooting myself back on my bed. My body is just ticking time bombs. I have 3 small children and I'm only 29. I never dreamed this is

what my life would be...I have had 11 MRI's in the last year and I take CoQ10, magnesium, glucosamine chondroitin, B6, B12, Vitamin D3, Selenium, Niacin, Fish Oil, probiotics and I try to eat well. I have no idea what else to do. I have spent so many hrs on the internet trying to find a cure. I am in full belief that God's healing is the only answer.

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- Amy Moser Thank you Mohamad. Not really. I was healthy and I hiked up mountains with one of my kids in a back carrier right before this. I was fine and planning for summer vacation with my family. A week into the antibiotic I felt really achy and called my doc about it. She said it was probably from the bladder infection and would go away after I finished the course of antibiotic and she prescribed an additional week to my 5 day course. Come to find out that achiness is the first indicator of joint damage. I wish my doc or I would have picked up on it them. The ugly piece to this story is once she found out was causing all the ruptures she literally dumped me as a patient. She told me there was no reason to do MRI's anymore because I kept getting hurt so much she didn't think it would make a difference.
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- Amy Moser I have already had a tendon biopsy it showed moderate synovitis and vascular proliferation and I can't remember the other one but it had to do with tendinosis. I have pain in all of my large joints and tingling in my toes. I have been to 3 rheumatologists ruling out Ehlers Danlos, Lupus, Rheumatoid arthritis, and have had a lot of testing that ruled out any underlying rheumatological condition. The only abnormal test result was very low vitamin D that I have been taking supplements for now for almost 10 months. The only things I have to show the connection is, the pharmacy records showing when I took Cipro and all of the tendon tears and MRI's coupled with it making my already hypothyroid much worse and I had to have the dose doubled before it got back up to an acceptable level.
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- Amy Moser I wish it had been only her, unfortunately I have a hand surgeon who just recently told me that I need to learn to live with just the faculties I have left and that even if I have another hand or wrist tear she would no longer operate on me. She told me this through a receptionist over the phone after my wrist repair broke. I am now stuck looking for a new hand surgeon while the wrist repair she did in July just gave way. I was pretty upset on that one. I was not rude to her because that is not how I operate but I did tell her that I could not understand why she would suddenly refuse to treat me especially to monitor her own work.
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- [Ron Renkawitz](#) My prescribing GP dropped me also even though he agrees the Cipro is what destroyed me. I think he just couldn't stand apologizing anymore, and he knew there was nothing he could do to help me. He did tell me he would no longer prescribe FQ's unless it was a extremely serious situation. Minor victory, that may save others from this.
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- Amy Moser I did check into prolotherapy, Mayo Clinic, Oxford Journals and the Tendonitis website all state that it is a new treatment and from their medical standpoint they saw no benefit with the prolotherapy shots over the control group injections. Mayo clinic's website said that they are not behind it because it has yet to show any marked medical benefit. Prolotherapy is a solution meant to stimulate irritation and healing. The problem in Quinolone cases is that if the DNA mitochondrial repair cells are damaged, you can inject these tendons causing them to break down and re-heal, but they will STILL only re-heal up to the previously damaged state because the repair cells are what are damaged. I have been trying to research stem cells but so far have not even come across anywhere near me that actually does that. The other thing is they use your own stem cells, problem being there if THOSE are already damaged it's still not

going to do a better job repairing than the damage that is already in there. If you can find any promising research please tell me I'd be very happy to try anything that sounded promising. I'll warn you that a lot of homeopathic docs will try to "Detox" you and it is pointless. The meds are out of your system within 24hrs, what I'm dealing with at this point is the damage it caused to the tendons and repair cells while it was in my system in April of 2010.

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- Amy Moser Ron, I actually think that is exactly why mine dropped me. She would comment every time I was injured again how horrible it was not to know how to fix it, couple that with the fact that for the first few months she accused my wonderful husband of beating me because she couldn't understand why I was getting hurt so badly doing such mundane tasks. Once she figured out she was the one who prescribed it she freaked out. I think she was afraid of a lawsuit. The thing is, I'm not mad at the doctors for prescribing it, I'm mad at the FDA. Citizen Vox sued them in 2008 and won the part of the lawsuit stating that they would have to put the warnings in the pharmaceutical handout but they were not required to notify all of the prescribing physicians. So now you have a bunch of physicians prescribing the thunder out of the Flouroquinolones family and they don't understand why their patients are falling apart. The FDA states at least 30% of people taking these drugs are reporting these reactions but they think the incidence of these complications is much higher because the doctors and the patients aren't making the connections between having taken the Quinolone and having the joint damage. The FDA is just disgusting. Each person who dodges a quinolone bullet is one more life still fully intact. We need to be vocal. I tell everyone I know. I can't stand the thought of people I love getting hurt so badly with no relief in sight.
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- Amy Moser Thanks Jenny, that would be great. This is the first time I've ever posted on here. I have been reading the posts for awhile but I have never felt like going through the story until tonight. I just get burned out sometimes and don't want to go through it all, but I HATE when you see people trying so many things you've already tried and you know it's not going to work. I know how much time and money and hope is dashed when it doesn't help. I just felt like I wanted to post and see if anyone had tried anything I hadn't yet, and actually made some headway. Thank you so much for the sounding board.
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- Amy Moser I was a hiking Mommy carrying my baby on my back up mountains in Phoenix. I played volleyball throughout school and I was very active. May 2010 after an almost 3 week course of Cipro I ruptured my left knee requiring a cadaver tendon replacement, shortly after ruptured the lunotriquetral ligaments in both of my wrists requiring surgical repair on both wrists. dislocated my left shoulder, tore my left Achilles tendon 2 separate times over the course of 4 months, MRI's confirm widespread tendonosis all over my body, tore tricep tendons in both arms and now dislocated my jaw. I'm 6 joint surgeries in the last 2 years. I pray everyday that God will heal me so I can care for my family by myself again. Until that day, I pray God gives me strength to endure whatever may come.
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- [Tami Lucas](#) that is horrible.. I had two ruptures in my shoulder. I am sure I have more tears but can't afford to find out and I have learned how to deal with it. Good Luck . . .Quins attack everything even the good things that help our body heal.

Carolyn Saylor-Loof So sad to read everyone's suffering. For me, I was given antibiotic (gatifloxacin) EYE DROPS, and after 2 days on them my legs turned into what felt like lead-

heavy, useless rubber and i could barely walk, so on day 3 I quit the drops, and after a week my legs seemed normal again (as did the rest of me because those drops put me in a comatic stupor), and I was able to resume my daily 6-8 mile run. I could've run much more, if I wanted; in other words, my legs were strong and no where near being pushed to their limit. BUT, 3 months after the eye drops, while running, I got a sudden pain in a tendon in my leg. Within days the whole leg was a MESS (ie, it seemed like every tendon, muscle ligament was freaking out - nothing tore though, luckily) and I had to go on crutches for 6 weeks. If I hadn't been a runner and was sedentary, this wouldn't have happened, BUT 6 months after the eye drops, I got hit with many more flox symptoms, including total, rather sudden, weakness of forearms/wrists/hands, matching weakness in bottom of legs/ankles/feet, neuropathies, panic attacks, lots of eye floaters, generally feeling like I was going to die - it was horrible. I had, what the Flox Report calls a Delayed Onset of flox symptoms. By the way, magnesium supps made my symptoms worse, so be aware that it isn't good for everyone. The severity of everything slowly calmed, and after a few months i started slow jogging a little. Now, 18 months after those eye drops, I can run (but never fast) 3-4 miles, 3 times a week, my walking is limited - both walking and running strain my legs/feet. My forearms/wrists/hands are still somewhat weak - left side of body much weaker than right side (ex: can't open jars, snap fingers, hard to turn key in the door). All arm, leg and back muscles are weakened, I'm afraid permanently. Thankfully, no more panic attacks and I feel like myself, which is the most important

Joanne Gilliam McFarland I lifted weights, did cardio boot camp stuff and have a 2nd degree black belt in taekwondo. Now I don't even walk.

[Piper Nascarella](#) I was a dive instructor for 12 years and I cannot dive anymore. The weight of the gear, the walking with the gear and the pressure underwater is just too painful. I now do paperwork in an office:(

Julie Larah Moore My brother was in the marines and got floxed right before he finished his time there. He was out of commission for months. Thank goodness he made it through, because he almost had to leave

[Susan Simmons](#) I was a runner, kayaker, fly-fisher, sailor, biker and avid gardener. I'm unable to do any of these things and the artwork that I've done the majority of my life is painful. Looking forward to wellness....someday

Marty N Isa Fores

Yes I was an athlete played college level volleyball did bike races hiked a lot canoe paddled ran 3 x a week kickboxing weightlifting skied u name it. I did it. I love to exercise. But now with legs

buzzing and unable to walk for months at a time I'll be happy when I can walk the beach again. Avelox was my nightmare pill. 8 small pills that have destroyed my life for 5 years on and off. I'm now in a remission state. So looking forward to getting strong again soon.

Greg Spooner I was a hiker, kayaker, weight-lifter, dog-walker (2 miles a day), and biker. I can still bike a little, but that's it; everything else is gone. I do have a couple pics of me hiking, but I don't think I have pics of anything else.

Billie Johnson Collegiate rugby and volleyball. Mountain and road biking, softball, slow jogging with golden retrievers, weight lifting, basketball. I suppose since the floxing in 2005, I'd be considered a "success" story. I'm still bitter and question every ache and pain and tendon twinge, but I'm back to almost every physical activity I used to do. It was a dark, dark few years, though.

Most doctors are unaware of even the tendon issues caused by Levaquin and when all of a sudden your tendons start giving out and you go complain to the doctors, they say it's something else. It can't be the Levaquin. You have been able to walk for 30 years of your life, and a few days after Levaquin your legs are destroyed.

And when you put it all together they try to say you have a disease but nothing comes back positives and nothing makes sense but the doctors know one thing . . . It wasn't Levaquin even though they don't even know the side effects listed on the package.

Cherry Mendez

Can someone please tell me what is the list for the fluoroquinolone ear drops and eye drops to avoid? I was taking ofloxacin ear drops and my ears started ringing like crazy and have not stopped, got a massive headache, started getting joint pain in my knees and hands plus tingly electrical shocks!!!!???? I only seem to find people that took it in pill form but can these cause long term damage too? Is there anyone who has reacted with either ear or eye drops here?

Yesterday at 7:09am

Nov 8, 2008

Back in March of 2008 I took Cipro for a UTI. 3 days after starting the antibiotic I was chased up 3 flights of stairs (I work in psychiatry) and injured my right Achilles tendon. A month later my left Achilles tendon swelled up. In retrospect I think my injury had little to do with being chased and everything to do with the antibiotic. My ankles have not improved despite physio, rest, etc. 8 months later. I can no longer run or be as active as I once was, even walking is difficult for me. I have had to change to a less active desk job and I have pain every day, some days worse than others. I'm mortified that as a nurse I knew nothing of this particular side effect and neither does

my GP or other health care professionals I talk to. The prescribing specialist could only offer an "Oh my God.." when he saw my ankles and write Cipro down as an allergy on my chart.

thanks for the advice yet my point is I would have like to have been told this BEFORE I took the medication and given accurate information. Your description of why the rupture occurs is not the same that my ortho tells me or the research I've done. The Levaquin weakens the tendon - therefore causing it to rupture - one should not do strenuous physical activity while taking Levaquin - so I guess your explanation fits - the Levaquin weakens the tendon - the tendon is stressed during strenuous physical activity and then - shazam - it ruptures when you stand up from a chair.

Joshua Tucker Yes, that's sounds like what I was saying/describing. The point is, the damage is done before a rupture, that allows the rupture. Granted, actually falling apart doesn't help anything. However, while it's true one shouldn't do strenuous physical activity while taking Levaquin, that falsely implies that A. activity is the problem and B. avoiding activity will avoid Levaquin damage. That second point is very, very false.

Darlene Sevin I took Cipro three times in a nine-month period for UTIs. Following that, I ended up with a partially torn, inflamed left Achilles tendon. My doctor insisted it had nothing to do with taking the Cipro, but I will never take it again. I'm the one who ended up in the air boot for two months and have a left calf with significant muscular atrophy

In 2005 I was prescribed, and took, 8 cycles of Cipro for recurring UTI's. Three years later, I have ruptured tendons and ligaments in my left elbow, left psoas, outer aspect of both feet, right knee, right ankle, both rotator cuffs, and left trapezius. Each injury has occurred while engaged in utterly normal, everyday activities like bending over to make my bed or lifting my purse onto my shoulder. I have never experienced prior instances of ligament and tendon rupture. My body is literally "popping" apart and I live in CONSTANT PAIN. The chiropractic and PT bills are staggering. Has anyone out there been personally involved in, or do you know someone who has been involved in, a SUCCESSFUL CLASS ACTION SUIT against the manufacturers of Cipro?

I have one proven torn rotator cuff and my other shoulder is acting to same way....I had no injury to the shoulder..... I have pain in my feet and have trouble walking.....hands hurt and have no strength...I have been on Cipro several times in recent years....I'm allergic to most everything else....I am 76 yrs old....thought it was old age....very painful

I took Cipro and was on prednisone at the same time. Both Achilles tendons are now chronically swollen and partially ruptured. I also had trouble for two years with my shoulder cuff. I was going to have surgery on my ankles, but the doctors only gave a 50/50 chance of improvement. Meanwhile, I bought Birkenstocks to help me walk. I was almost crippled by this and still have constant pain. Does anyone know what the drug company is going to do to compensate us? I'm so angry about this!

I am a very active 72 year old female, however I am not an athlete. I have had asthma and taken prednisone in the past; on corticosteroid inhalers for years. I have taken Cipro several times over the years and I have had one total rupture on one Achilles tendon with surgery to repair and a partial rupture on the opposite leg. Drs. had told me that some people just have short tendons and that probably explained my ruptures.

What do you think?

July 10 2008

I am a registered nurse. I had ruptured in 2003 tendons/ ligaments repaired on my left knee and recently Jan 2008. I never suspected that it must be something to do with Cipro until I heard this news. I have taken Cipro at least 2- 3 courses of it a year for UTI(which means at least 24 times a year). I just came back to work after being off again for several months from this ligaments problem. My knee will never be the same. It certainly has impacted by speed and agility and has to work part time now. Someone has to sue this company for not warning the consumer soon.

I took Cipro and developed severe Achilles tendonitis. The tendonitis led to my Achilles tendon rupture. I had the surgery repair which became infected and had to have a second surgery with a hospital stay of 3 days on IV antibiotics. I had to quit my position because there was a lot of walking involved. I now work a sit-down position which I am not happy about. I suffer from leg pain and stiffness. I take Voltaren daily which is probably killing my liver slowly. My life has been impacted by being prescribed Cipro and I want compensated for it.

well I WAS a nurse but a ruptured posterior tibial tendon and subsequent complete surgical makeover of my rt. foot in Dec. 07 and I am STILL unable to work!!! I was on Cipro at least 3 courses in August - Oct. 07 for a kidney stone/severe kidney infection which required hospitalization!! I am certainly going to look into any and all compensation that the drug manufacturer is offering...oh my age is 51. I am just almost a year in recovery from my posterior tibial tendon repair on my left foot. Never could understand how one day all is fine and the next could not walk. Have taken Cipro for UTI for a couple of years- now I am realizing this is why I couldn't walk.

December 8, 2007 I ruptured my right Achilles Tendon playing an easy game of racquetball. The first repair surgery did not hold and was repeated August 2008. Finally, after a total of 6 months in casts and two months in orthopedic boots, I am on my way to recovery (via physical therapy).

I had been taking Cipro off and on for at least 2 years for recurring bladder infections. I am fighting mad that I was not made aware of the dangers of Cipro through my physicians and/ or paperwork accompanying my Cipro prescriptions.

Will someone please advise me about legal procedures to take against the makers of Cipro (Bayer)?

Thanks!

I didn't realize what the reason was for my tendon separation problems came from until now. I also took Cipro and have had many tendon problems with feet, both rotator cuffs and legs. I do know that we have found a severe reduction in my production of testosterone; I was 1/2 of the minimum for my age. I have been using a replacement, Androgel, and it has seemed to help stop the progression of more tendon damage/loss. Have any of you had your level measured during your progressive losses? Could Cipro affect us by the hormone reduction which affects muscle tone? I would like to know if mine was just an anomaly.

Here's the latest chapter in my ongoing saga, "Life After Cipro: F-ed Up": Over the Spring Break, while engaged in some gentle yard work, the semitendinosus and gracilis tendons in BOTH my knees blew! Then while I was using a squeegee to smooth a peel-n-stick window treatment in our living room, the triceps tendon of my right elbow popped! Tune in next time to learn the answers to these fascinating questions: Which tendon blew next? How did our brave lady manage to cope with her constant and excruciating pain? How many more ball-less, spineless physicians refused to give her a TRUTHFUL, ACCURATE diagnosis? Later, y'all.

After taking Avelox back in September of 06. I had my first rupture in nov 06 on my right elbow. My doctor said in twenty years of practicing he has never seen such damage on a tricep tendon. it was a full avulsion. Then six months post op I had my second rupture, my right quad tendon. That surgery was a mother..... I am a 45 year old male in perfect health, never smoked no drugs, steroids etc. I have been working out for over twenty years. What do I do now? I suffer from chronic tendonitis all over, I am a walking hurt.

Hi, I too am on the couch after knee surgery. I took Cipro and on the 2nd day had severe knee pains and a day later was in the Dr.'s office with MRI and then surgery. I am a healthy 45 yr old and now have a debilitating knee problem for the rest of my life. I too would not have taken it had I known. I now have a lawyer coming to see me and praying for some help. Tell everyone you know that this is a bad drug and

should not be given. That Dr. who is driving around well good for him and maybe it hasn't hit him YET. Take Care and thanks.

Took Cipro and 2 days later could not walk. Just had knee surgery for severe tendon damage and now I am on crutches for 6 weeks and physical therapy for 16 weeks. I would never have taken it if the Dr. told me what could happen. My knee will never be the same and I was an active 45 yr old women. If this drug affected your life call a lawyer NOW.

10 weeks now, the pain is driving me insane. 47 years old, not overweight, walked daily, watched weight, ate real food, and here I am totally housebound, isolated, and totally dependent on my husband. I have been treated like the doctors are playing "hot potato". Nerve doc, rhuemy, and general. Doctor who prescribed has not been available since my poisoning. The pain is really driving me insane. I have a parking tag for handicapped, reason "Cipro induced tendonitis", and it is ALL over my body. When the groin pain hits OMG. If anyone has a treatment please PLEASE POST it.

I also had 3-6 course of Cipro Feb 8, 2008- Oct 2008 (renewals)for UTI. July 2, 2009 I had posterior tibial tendon surgery and makeover of my left foot and ankle due to biomechanical breakdown. I have signed on with the class action litigation. I'm 62.

I have taken two courses of Cipro for possible Prostatitis and now have serious pain and joint stiffness. I feel like I have aged 10 years in 2 months. I am sure this was caused by the Cipro (my fiancé made me quit taking it when I developed diarrhea) and it wasn't until after I quit that we made the connection to the joint and muscle pain I'd been having. My question is" Does anyone know a way to detox from this stuff? I am considering drinking lots of water and possibly taking glucosamine for my joints, but has anyone else found other things that help?

I was curious if you ever found anyone who had successfully suited against CIPRO. I have had several of the problems that you speak of. Both of my heels, my outer foot tendons, my elbow, wrist, and now my neck and shoulders have been kinking up and extremely hurting. I am hoping that you will get this message. I have been a waitress for the better part of twenty years and until after I get surgeries on both feet, I will not be able to work.

OMG! I'm so glad to have found this forum! I am in so much pain after taking a course of Cipro in June this year.

My Dr gave me no warnings and I didn't have any major problems while I was taking most of the 14 day course. In the Uk we don't have your Black box warning. I had a little nausea but on going back to the docs was told that's normal. But two days before the end I started getting pain in my Achilles. Stopped the drug. The pain increased for a few weeks and I lost an estimated 90% of my leg function. During July I recovered quite quickly and expected to be fully recovered by now. But that recovery has stalled and in some ways is going backward. I would say I am at 50% loss of function and I'm in constant pain.

Thanks for some of the suggestions. I will try the magnesium self treatment. I was wondering if Cipro is fat soluble. Anyone know? I was a little over-weight and have started to deliberately lose weight. But my symptoms are getting worse again at the same time. I remember reading some years ago about some toxic compounds being stored in fat and released when that fat was consumed. Am I being poisoned by my healthier diet?!?!

Some have asked (including my Dr): "How do you know it was the Cipro?" Well prior to June, I was perfectly fit - I took the antibiotic for a minor urinary infection - I walked everywhere, not driving. I walked for miles on day trips - no problems. Nearly two weeks after starting Cipro - BANG! Sudden symptoms! Both Achilles shot, pain in my left arm and finger joints. Knees in bad pain! Also developed weird tingling sensation over left shoulder. Nausea has returned and I'm having problems sleeping again. Did\does anyone else have the peculiar sensation of feeling as if the joints are stuffed with cotton? It's like a sort of spongy sensation.

Rme, it can affect any muscle - not just the joints and tendonitis. Check out Rhabdomyolysis.

Thanks again all.

6 or 7 days after taking Cipro I could not move my left hand and could not walk. Prior to taking Cipro I was a perfectly healthy and active 40 yr old. I was given Cipro because of a stomach bug.

For over 2 months I have not been able to walk properly (severe limping and pain) and have trouble moving my left hand (pain, weak grip).

I have gone to so many doctors to try to get better, and none of them know what to do. Most will not want to admit it is from Cipro (I suspect because they get favors from the drug companies and don't want to blow it).

It is frustrating and I don't know when it will end.

If anyone knows a good doctor who understand Cipro poisoning and the tendon damage it causes, I would love to know the name.

I am beginning to wonder about the same thing. I have not taken 8 cycles of Cipro, but probably 4 or 5, and my left shoulder just "popped" last week, while I was doing nothing in particular that would precipitate this. I am in great pain, plus, I have pain and a feeling of "tearing" in my right elbow and left index finger joint. I wonder if this could be because of this drug? I was being treated for recurring UTIs and at no time did the doctor warn about this kind of side effect.

I am 45 and an athlete my whole life but I am now crippled from Cipro. Had reconstructive knee surgery in May 2009 and still cannot walk. This is a dangerous drug and do not take it, ANYONE.

I took CIPRO for 4 days and on the 5th day I woke up and couldn't even lift my arms. I ruptured tendons in both arms - more in my left arm. It has been almost 3 weeks now and I am in constant pain. This drug

is absolutely horrible. Does anyone know how long it will take to go away? My doctor had told me it should only have been a few days.

I was put on Cipro one week ago and for two days I have hardly been able to take on my small body weight. My calves seem affected and I was wondering if anyone could give me some advice on how to handle this issue.

I agree, I am a young 31 year old female who took Cipro for a c diff infection and have so many side effects I cannot tell you which is worse. I did not even do anything, got a hotel to relax and pulled the tendon in my wrist and ankle. Very painful especially for not even doing anything other than laying around.

With my experience I lost both arches, both rotator cuffs, parts of both biceps, and an inner left thigh muscle before we (I) figured out that Cipro had ruined my future life. Yes I am mad.

Anyway I discovered that I was very low on my testosterone BIG TIME! Like I was 1/3 of the MINIMUM level and since testosterone is partly responsible for keeping your muscles working, I started testosterone replacement therapy, applying 5 grams of Androgel and letting it absorb into me. It takes 1/2 hour 3 times per week, **but no more tendons falling off me.** The rotator cuffs are the worst, don't let them get damaged or you won't be able to slip a T shirt over you easily or you can't hang up your shirt in the closet. And the pain is unreal, cortisone shots help some.

I hope this helps you. I hope you can stop your problem with this or someone else's answer. Take care.

And I forgot to mention that women have testosterone levels too. My doctor was treating a woman the same day I proposed my theory that low testosterone AND atrophied (SP) muscle condition set the Cipro problem for me.

So maybe women should test their level and see if they might be extraordinary low. I was 1/3 MINIMUM.

have found that maintenance usage of Fentanyl (75 mcg/h) has provide the first total relief from pain. I almost cried when I went out for a "drive" in the country for the first time in months. I hadn't been able to spend any length of time doing physical actives like long drives in the country.

hi all, I am in shock reading all your comments, my 16 year old son was put on ciproxin 3 weeks ago for one week, he is now lying in agony, his legs won't take his weight (and he is of very slight build), can anyone give me any advice as to what we can do, thank you.

When did a sinus infection require a life saving drug? And about cars and bicycles. One knows the risks before they operate either piece of equipment. How can you treat such a life changing effect in such a unimportant way?

I've been suffering from Achilles tendon rupture in one leg and tendonitis in the other Achilles. Plus it's affected the other tendons in both ankles and feet. I have lost a job, have been in severe pain and it's wrecked my entire life. Your comments are very foolhardy. Nobody told me the possible side effects. If they had I'd have said "no way." I'm no fool. One just doesn't recover from this, so please stop taking the Cipro. There are other antibiotics for sinus infections. Besides, is your doctor positive it's a sinus infection? Did he/she take an xray to confirm it? Too many head colds are diagnosed as sinus infections. There is just no comparison between cars and Cipro.

I was prescribed CIPRO for a UTI two months ago. Three days later I was in the ER with the most extreme pain I'd ever felt in my left wrist/thumb. ER doc said I had Carpel Tunnel and told me to see a Surgeon. I had never heard of Carpel Tunnel coming on in a few short hours. Went back to clinic where CIPRO had been prescribed, was given PREDNISONONE for inflammation! DOUBLE WHAMMY. Pain was unbearable, I happened to pick up the papers that came from the pharmacy with the CIPRO, first item ... possible TENDONITIS. Back to the clinic, given script for pain pills and said to rest my wrist. During the next few days both wrists and both ankles became extremely weak and hurt so bad I cried for days. Back to doc, given stronger pain pills. Two months of strong pain pills, I'm still in pain. The doctor told me that the pain should be over in 72 hours after I quit the CIPRO.

I never dreamed this pain might last forever, I can barely walk, button a blouse, pick up a plate. Think it's time I look for an attorney!!!

Exact same things happened to me. Two years ago surgery. Two operations and looking at a third next month. Cipro reaction was just like so many others. Lots of pain, could not even walk, knee went out, neck pain, joint pain. None of these problems before being prescribed Cipro. On pain meds for two years...

I have had 3 bouts of UTI this year and given CIPRO all three times - the third time they doubled my dose. I can hardly walk and am having wrist pain and lower back pain. My feet burn with the movement of every toe and every step. I suspected CIPRO to be the culprit. I've had trouble for 7 months. I have been off it for 6 days this time and today, I can walk without crying, but it still hurts. My question to you is "Did you get better? How do we reverse the effects of this stuff?"

I feel pain in one Achilles tendon for 4 months. Accidently read about urinary tract infections healed with Cipro...and I remember...

I take 2 courses of Cipro in the beginning of this year! Now I know the truth what makes my Achilles sick !!! I take ARCOXIA, Diclofenac and 3 types of paste on my legs and the pain is still going up.

WHAT To DO ?????? I make a lot off doctor prescribed test and they are all good!

But I know the reason from the internet not from my doctors !!!

(Poster from Lithuania)

I took Cipro about 13 months ago and, at first, was very badly affected. Could hardly move for about six months. It does get better but I'm still in pain, have problems with my Achilles tendons and those of my knees. Still I can walk around a lot better now.

Have found that staying well hydrated helps. As does eating more protein and fruit.

Unfortunately, my doctor tells me that after this amount of time it is unlikely to get any better.

I am dealing with my 75 year old father who was given Cipro for a UTI. One day after completing the antibiotic, he started suffering from severe pain in his lower legs. It is now about 4 weeks post-Cipro and he has been told by the Rheumatologist that his situation will not get better, only worse, and that there is nothing they can do to help him - no surgery (pain pills are ineffective now). Not only has he lost his ability to live the rest of his life without this pain, he is also very hard to be around because the drug and pain are causing him to lash out and be very difficult to deal with. His quality of life, for whatever life he has left, is ruined. He is almost completely crippled now and will probably be completely crippled within a week or two. It's progressing very fast.

Same thing happened to me. I had a horrible reaction on the first treatment with the drug. I had neck spasms and tendon problems. I only took the drug for a few days but it really damaged my soft tissue and life. I have had three operations since to fix what this drug did. No legal recourse because I can't prove it. Now they black box the drug. No help for me.

Between January and April 2005, I was put on 7 cycles of Cipro. My left elbow blew 3 months later, in July 2005; last Saturday - 5 1/2 years and multiple ruptures later - my right elbow blew. I can confidently state that there is no rhyme nor reason nor timeframe for when the devastation from Cipro may hit.

Have taken Cipro antibiotic a couple times in the last few years for serious bladder/kidney infections and have had no problem. Gave birth 3 months ago and have been fighting a bladder/kidney infection that won't go away with the antibiotics I have been given (am nursing), my Urologist prescribed Cipro (which can't nurse while on) and after taking 2 doses my Achilles tendon hurt so bad I could barely walk, I stopped taking and now am on Augmentin which is working really well. I am not sure why Cipro bothered me this time and never in the past but I was also prescribed Bactrim previously for this infection and have taken it several times in my life and have had no problems and then when given to me for this infection I developed a bad allergy to it and all of my gums in my mouth swelled as well as sores all over in mouth and tingling sensation, I had to stop taking. We as patients need to remember that we do have a choice in what medications we choose to take and that we have a responsibility to study up on the meds that Physicians prescribe to us and if we don't feel comfortable taking it or feel we are having an adverse reaction we need to ask for a different medication...

I took 2 20 day courses of Cipro for chronic bladder infections and kidney stones and a tendon snapped on my left foot right where my leg connects to my foot on the top. I could see a lump below my knee

and it hurt so bad I didn't think I could walk. It hurt for about 3 months really bad and I don't have insurance so I just have to deal with it. Now, it only hurts if I move it a certain way.

The pain is so bad it wakes me up at night. I did read the side effects and saw that this was a possibility for me but, the infection was so bad I was told it was the only thing that would work for me. I won't take it again though. I was 60 when I took it and I am 62 now.

Recently I just took Cipro for an uti and after the 2nd day of taking it, I stopped. I took a total of 3 500mg pills and started to feel pain in my ankle & wrists in the joint areas. I also have been experiencing slight burning in my leg muscles and arms. I'm 24 and have hypothyroidism and take a beta blocker for a rapid heart condition. I'm hoping to eliminate the pain by taking magnesium 250mg per day and vitamin c. I didn't realize how bad this stuff was until I read the stories on the net.

Three years ago I was given Cipro post op. I had severe spasms first night. Was given Valium. Pain in neck and muscle cramping all over. Was in hospital three days and could not walk without acute pain in knees. I had prostate surgery. Ended up on morphine. Took Cipro for three days. Read dangers and stopped. Some symptoms were relieved. In the next three years have had surgery on both knees, neck, shoulder. My feet are now very painful and tender. Seems something is always going wrong. I don't know if all of this is Cipro or just aging. At first it was Cipro for certain. Damage was done. Still on pain medication. No proof. In most ways I am healthy and fit. Something went seriously wrong as a result of the Cipro. Also had floaters and suspected eye damage. Could have been from Neck surgery. Cipro is a very dangerous drug for some. Don't take it.

I was on Cipro during December 2009, 500mg twice a day for one month for the treatment of prostatitis.

Shortly after taking it, I developed pain in both Achilles, my right rotator-cuff, both hands, and my neck. After a few months, most of the pain was starting to subside a bit, but not the Achilles... they were getting worse until I finally tore both of them playing whiffle ball in my back yard. I have since had surgery done on both Achilles and are now looking at a second round of more invasive surgery that will mean 1 - 1-1/2 year recovery... per leg! My life has been WRECKED. I am a very active person that is in great shape and have never had any find of issues like this. It took about a year for most of the other pain to go away, but not fully and I am still feeling the effects of the damage this drug has caused. When they tell you that the rate of incidence is very low... they are full of it! I have run into MANY people that have had problems with this drug... a fair amount never related it to the flouroquinolones they were prescribed. My life will never be normal and I am Pissed!!! Stay away from these toxins! They are fluoride based compounds and cause a multitude of problems... many are permanent. There should be a massive lawsuit against these drug companies when they knowingly are pushing defective drugs in pursuit of the almighty \$\$.

haven't been in a Class Action Suits, though I tried. Most Attorneys

say you have to have taken Cipro or Levaquin within 6 months of the rupture.

I've had my right elbow tear for no known reason. 2 ligaments and 2 tendon had to be attached. No fun! The prior year a ligament tore in my left thumb. That was 4 and 5 years back. last summer of 2010, my rotator,labrum tore and had to have shoulder surgery. There were no specific known reasons. I'm in good shape, trim, athletic and now 64.

I've had multiple trigger finger surgeries, tendons also, not necessarily related but who knows.

Now years later, I have 2 inflamed Achilles tendon and left swollen tendon in my left elbow. Haven't taken Cipro in years. No one know what to make of it!

I only took 5 pills if Cipro and woke up to find I couldn't walk. Terrible pain, weakness, burning, stinging crazy pain. It's been eleven months and I can walk short distances but I walk like I'm 80 instead of 60. I probably am 70 percent of what I was from just 5 pills. This truly is a poison!! Magnesium has helped but mostly just time and patience waiting and hoping that I will heal and be back to normal.

It amazes me to see all these comments about Cipro, and I am afraid I am another victim. I started taking Cipro about 2 years ago, a lot for frequent UTI's and numerous sinusitis issues.

My feet hurt all the time, burning around ankles, toes, calves to the knees, top of feet, and lately when I get out of bed the back of my heels are killing me. I get sharp pains in my hands and feel like electrical currents are shooting through to my fingertips. I thought it was arthritis, but everything seems to be getting worse. Low back pain, weakness in my hands, and pains all over. And don't even think about touching me gently on the legs or arms, the pain is horrible. It's ridiculous.

My coworker has heard my complaints over and over, I say it's old age (52 now) but she just told me the problems her family is having from Cipro and it sounded like me. OMG, so much of this fits me to a tee. Where do I start to find out if it's the Cipro. How do I get my doctor to hear me? This is ridiculous. I have a desk job that gets unbearable, when I try to stand I feel like I am going to fall sometimes and walk like I am 80. Please help with any suggestions.

I was prescribed Ciprofloxacin for an infection. I was instructed to take 500mg twice daily for 10 days. I took 2 500mg (the first day), shortly after taking the 2 dosage of the first day. My calves started to burn and I started to experience discomfort in my ankles and knees. I can't believe the doctor I saw prescribed these poison pills to me. I'm deeply scared since I do have past joint injuries from playing sports. I'm frantically searching for a detox that will help flush the 1000mg of Cipro from my body before it further destroys me and I can repair my body from this poison.

I had to take a low dose of Cipro for two months (Jan. 20 - March 20) to clear up UTIs. Just after I started taking it the back of my heel starting hurting. As I was going on vacation and would be walking quite a bit, I visited the podiatrist to see what was wrong. He said it was my Achilles tendon and there wasn't anything he could do for it other than recommend a pain killer and exercise. It wasn't until I spoke with the pharmacist that I discovered it could have been the Cipro. It has been very painful since the end of January. I have not been to the doctor with it but I do have an appointment with an acupuncturist to see

if he can help. He cured my severe headaches which I have had since I was a teenager and I am now 73 years old. Hopefully, he can help with the Achilles tendon. If I see improvement from the treatment, I will post it here.

I took Cipro for 3 days for a uti. I was a fit 34 year old who played all sports with no health problems. I stopped after the 3 days as my heart was pounding. I couldn't put any weight on my Achilles calves and my legs were throbbing. I had very bad panic attacks. It has been 3 weeks. I went to a ne and had a steroid injection and they told me I was allergic to Cipro and was the 1/1000. I am over the worst but my joints click constantly and I can't exercise at all. I tried to go for a jog but developed red like lesions on the top of my thighs like love bites. A new doctor knew all about Cipro. He took the words out of my mouth by saying you feel 60? She said it may take a year but it will improve. I'm taking diclofenac and codeine for the pain upped my cod liver oil and magnesium but am gutted. I don't know if I'll ever get back to full fitness. I registered these probs with the British med association but I hold no hope. Bayer who makes Cipro contributes billions to the med world so we must suffer.

My husband started Cipro 3 days ago he has a lot of tendon pain right now...

Called the doctor and she said it's probably tendinitis

Only because I searched online am I finding out about all the problems associated with this medicine!

I decided he should stop and see the doctor tomorrow even though she didn't even tell him to stop taking it!

Hope all will be well

A bit worried right now

I had to take Cipro after rare infection for which I could not take Penicillin because I thought I was allergic to it. So doctor put me on Cipro without telling me the side effects. After being on Cipro for a month it never cured my infection and caused my heels to painful when I walk. Ironically, I forced my doctors to test me for Penicillin allergies and they found that I am not allergic to it after all. They put me on Penicillin and my infection was gone. Almost two years later my heels are still painful and I cannot stand or walk for too long.

I took Cipro for a week and I have lots of problems with my Achilles Tendon and my ankle's hurt big time. What kind garbage do these biotech company's put out. They fix one thing and they break many other things.

I would NEVER take this garbage ever again. They should be sued by everyone!!!

John, I wish I had something positive to say, but it may be a while before you feel any better. It was mid July when this stuff messed up both of my Achilles and ankles.

Last week is the first time I didn't need a wheelchair at all, and I have to use two canes just to get around my house. I don't get up unless I have to, and haven't left the house but three times to go to the DR. Sad thing is most Dr's refuse to even admit this drug can do this. The first Dr I went to told me there was no way this drug could do this.

I have told everyone I know to stay away from this poison.

A Dr tried to give my sister some last week for an ear infection, and when she told him why she would not take it he told her he had never heard that it could cause problems.

Good luck, and hope you will recover faster than me.

In February 2004 I had some kind of infection that was unusual in that I lost my hearing in one ear, so I went to my doctor at the time (she passed away less than a year later) who prescribed three things Avelox, a cough syrup and one other thing. Within 24 hours I felt so much worse, my heart was pounding in my ears. After second dose my heart was really pounding and I thought I was having a heart attack when I lay down to bed...and I was feeling no better though the ear seemed to be clearing up. On the third day I decided to only take the Avelox, but began to vomit and shake so I called the doctors office and they simply said to stop taking it. That's all. I stopped and I gradually recovered, hearing returned....well so I thought! That October I started to experience a tightness in my throat, but by this point the doctor had died and another doctor had taken over the practice. I explained to him that my job was increasingly stressful (still is) and after his exam he referred me to a cardiologist. The cardiologist did his exam and pronounced my heart OK, but put me on Verapamil for hypertension and also my Reynauds syndrome (cold hands/feet, circulation). I've been seeing him every 6 months now, but I keep mentioning that the strangle feeling still comes back from time to time....especially if it's about 2 hours beyond when I would normally take the Verapamil (with dinner). What gets me is that NO ONE has high blood pressure in my family, and they only get heart problems when they are VERY old (75+). I can't help feeling that this Avelox was the cause and did something bad to my heart. I have three young daughters to raise! When I mentioned my allergies to Amoxycillin and my suspicion of allergy/reaction to Avelox my new doctor was CLEARLY skeptical! But, I'm not one to take medications lightly in fact disliked taking any medications/drugs my entire life.....now I MUST take Verapamil to stay ahead of the palpitations of my heart and pressure in my throat. It was a very scary experience though after only have 3 of the pills! Marie

I was prescribed Levaquine for middle ear infection and sinusitis. No culture made! I took 6 days of 2 times 500 mg of Levaquine a day. Day 7 I threw last pill away. Three days into my treatment I had horrifying pain in my Achilles tendons. I was on a holiday, had to ask for a wheelchair to even go from room to restaurant. 14 days out, my Achilles tendons felt like rupturing. I wasn't able to walk anymore. 3 weeks out my knees started hurting even more than my Achilles tendons. MRI showed both Achilles and knees severely affected. Thickening of Achilles. And cartilage defects and Meniscus tear in both knees. Orthopedic surgeon recommended emergency knee surgery. I am too afraid, as literally all tendons in my body started hurting at 4 weeks out. I fear any operation. As I can feel my body connective tissues are severely weakened and damaged. Knee surgery would fail because of that imo. Knee tendons and

surrounding tissues are also weakened. I also experience peripheral neuropathy: severe pins and needles, burning sensations, knife like shooting pain in limbs, weakness of muscles, twitching of limbs, fingers, trembling inside and muscles cramp in calves and upper legs. I hate the day I took this medicine. I am now 3.5 months out and totally disabled and housebound. Wish I could reverse things. Please visit LISAHOPE.com for more information. For me no more hope: cartilage and menisci will never heal again by itself. Operation will leave me damaged too due. This stuff is poison!!!

I have been on Levaquin several times for bouts of asthmatic bronchitis. Until this past round of antibiotics, I have never had a problem with Levaquin and have always obtained good results. This time however, after finishing a 7 day 750 mg regimen, I have experienced some of the worst joint pain ever imaginable. My knees are so swollen that I have a hard time walking. My ankles, toes, elbows and back also are painful. Sleep is difficult yet I am tired all the time. I was prescribed the Levaquin in conjunction with both IV and oral prednisone which I have since learned can compound the reactions. Although I pray that this pain goes away before I have to return to work, I don't think it will. Every day seems a little worse with an occasional reprieve some days for a few hours. Most days though, it is difficult to just walk across the room.

Stay away from this drug. I had a stubborn sinus infection and was given this drug only to get joint pain, tendinitis and pain in my right arch that makes it hard to walk first thing in the morning. I feel lucky compared to what I have read others have gone through. I would not take this drug or anything related...EVER!

DON'T DO IT! After 2 week treatment, I couldn't walk because of severe tendonitis. Six months later, retinal detachment ! Go blind because of an infection? Seriously? This is a dangerous drug! Do NOT take it!

Had emergency root canal, badly infected. I took levaquin for 4 days before calling the dentist requesting a different Rx. Muscle in legs and my knees still ache 3 weeks later. I would rather have the infection! Never again!!

Took one dose of Levaquin TAB(500mg) for diagnosis of Bronchitis. Woke up in middle of night with severe pain in right calf. Called PCP the next morning and was issued a different antibiotic. Ended up at PCP on 10/23/12 because of continued pain in calf. Had MRI on leg and was found that had a muscle strain and sent me to Orthopedic specialist. Gave me 6 weeks of PT and ask that I return after that if not

completely cleared up. Since October things have only gotten worse. Muscle aches in feet, legs and arms. All previous activities have been affected. Cannot drive or walk anything but short distances. Was previously healthy, active and had no health issues. Now trying to do everyday chores, etc take three times as long and are painful. At first Advil or Aleve seemed to help dull the aches and pain and have tried heat therapy as well. It is near impossible to sleep at night...cannot get comfortable to rest and fall asleep and now I wake up every night and takes me an hour to an hour and a half to fall back asleep. This medication is EVIL and should be taken off the market. I have told everyone I know to NEVER take this or any form of this medication. Always wondering if the damage caused by Levaquin is permanent. My quality of life is gone! Always tired and in pain. Always wondering if one of my tendons is going to pop. My husband and I used to walk, garden, do yard work, bike ride, and I used to use my treadmill. I can no longer do these activities. NEVER NEVER take this medication!

I was prescribed this medication for a mild sinus infection in December 2011. My prescription was for 500 mg once daily for 7 days. I was not able to finish the prescription beyond 3 days because I developed peripheral neuropathy. This was just the tip of the iceberg as I went on to develop approximately 30 adverse drug effects and ended up in the emergency room. I can assure you that the "rare" adverse drug effects are not that rare, in fact they have just been under reported. I developed tendonitis, peripheral neuropathy, floaters, dry eyes, dry mouth, tinnitus, brain fog, dizziness, pounding heart, etc. It has been over 6 months and I have not made a full recovery yet. Do not take this drug. I was 31 and in excellent health when I reacted to this drug.

Was given this drug in the ER for labyrinthitis and pneumonia. 3 days into the 10 day prescription I developed severe headache, nausea, leg cramps, neck pain and now vertigo. Reading the drug insert I find that these are side effects of this drug. I have finished the 10 day course and still have vertigo, headache, vomiting, neck pain. ER said see my regular physician, regular physician says go back to ER. This drug should be banned! Do not take it!!

I am 40, married, with 3 kids (10, 7, 4), & work full-time (same job 19 yrs). I don't exercise, but I've always worked, cared for my family, and kept my house clean without difficulty. In March, I took Levaquin 500mg/7days for a suspected UTI. My PCP added methylprednisone to my treatment. 2 weeks later, I went to the ER with excruciating pain in BOTH feet/ankles. The Dr. suspected Levaquin and said it is known to cause tendon issues. BTW, I was told the UTI was negative. My PCP and 2 specialists act as though they never heard of Levaquin causing tendon damage. An MRI of 1 foot showed "a split of the peroneus brevis, tendinitis, synovitis, tenosynovitis, achilles tendinosis," and many more medical terms. I have never had any problems with my feet. I thought this would pass in a few weeks. It has been over 2 months. Every day - every step - is a struggle. Walking into another room is a battle. Showering is an agonizing task. My children notice that I am no longer active in their lives. "Fun Mommy" went away. I

am depressed. My husband and children are suffering. Will I ever again function normally? I go to work (desk job), provide minimal care to my children, then go to bed to start all over again. Weekends are spent on the recliner with ice. Levaquin should be used for serious, life-threatening conditions, not simple infections that can be treated with safer antibiotics. I think these effects are well-known & significantly under-reported. Patients trust that doctors are doing what is best for them. I shouldn't have to research every decision made by my doctor to make sure he/she is doing what is best for ME!!! Can anyone tell me the average length of recovery from this disease? Are there any vitamins or treatments that make activities easier? I don't want to run a marathon, only have the ability to take care of my family without being in so much pain.

I was given this drug because the Doctor thought I could have Pneumonia..started out with a bad sinus infection that would not go away and went into my chest. I took only one dose of this medicine and had what felt like sparks throughout my body limbs, toes, fingers and have had sporadic episodes ever since I took that one dose - over a year ago.

DO NOT TAKE THIS DRUG!I was being treated for sinus inf and chest cough.I took 15 days worth and still sick BUT have taken it 12 other times in the last decade for diverticulitis and sinus with no side effects.This drug has been black boxed by FDA for a reason.After stopping the drug, 5 days later I felt achy like the worse flu ever, my knees are so inflamed I cannot get up and down from the toilet or even try stairs. I cannot lift my left arm past my chin as both arms have extreme tightness,neck muscle is so tight it is causing pain in my head, my wrists are swollen and both thumbs ache with movement,ALL injuries I have had in the past(broken wrist, broken ankle,lower back surgery)are severely affected.I have seen my reg dr and another in the same clinic and they don't buy it that it could be Levaquin EVEN after showin them the Black Box WARNING by FDA AND the literatiue I was given with the drug....top warning is...."is associated with an increased risk of tendinitis or tendon rupture in all ages. The risk is further incr in older patients usually over 60 years of age, in patients taking coricosteroid drugs...." Further the leaflet states that nonsteroidal anti-inflam drugs (NSAIDS such as ibuprofen and naproxen may interact with this drug" I hobble in to the dr with all these new symptoms and equipped with the FDA warning, my pharmacy leaflet and tons of pages from blogs and medical sites that stes this horrible side affect.As I predicted, any interaction of this condiion and Levaquin was dismissed. I had blood tests and xrays of my wrists and knees.By email I was told I do have inflammation as shown in my ESR and CRP blood test results and some arthritis in my knees. I was then referred to a rheumatologist and cannot see him for 2 wks.I now have to live like this.I did get a presc Naproxen 500mg for the inflammation... the very drug you are not supposed to take!The leaflet says to call and report the effect to FDA 1-800-FDA PLEASE CALL THEM EVERYONE!

I took this for a uti and strep throat.... The second day I started having severe neck and back pain and could barely stay awake so I stopped taking it but now I have severe shoulder pain and back pain!! This drug is horrible!!

I took Levaquin for a sinus/ear infection- I knew it was a strong antibiotic but thought it would get rid of the infection and I wouldn't have to go back to the Dr. (copay\$). Well, I went CRAZY and now my tendons are cracking and popping- I wish I would have done some research about this medicine before I filled the prescription. Don't just trust your Dr. find out on your own!! This stuff was bad news for me- I feel like I'm in the Twilight Zone and I have terrible mood swings. I will NEVER take it again. I hope these side effects so away.

I have taken levaquin several different times. After the second time I developed tendonitis in the elbow area, then a few months later in the arch of my foot and a few months later I had a pelvic posterior tilt and had to strengthen the muscle. The third time I took levaquin I had severe sharp pains in the groin area on both sides. Since then I have had muscle aches at various parts of my body. I didn't think much of it until I read an article recently about the side-effects. I'll have to find another drug since I'm allergic to penicillin.

NEVER take this drug! My otherwise healthy 85 year old father had a minor bladder infection, and was given this drug. Took it just 3 days before developing ankle pain. Now he can barely walk due to such inflammation in the achilles tendon in each ankle. Terrible drug; ruined his golden years.

I was prescribed this medication for 10 days for a sinus infection after the first antibiotic I had failed. The first day my legs started to hurt and felt like they were burning - but since the side effects only mentioned tendons at first I didn't think it was due to Levaquin. The next day my legs hurt from top to bottom, my back and feet started hurting, but nothing on my achilles tendon. The next day I had all the above plus my arms and neck started to hurt and I felt more and more tired until the following day I barely had the energy or strength to walk. At this point I stopped taking the medication. The next day most of the aches and pains had subsided and I started feeling better, but I felt like I was walking funny. Within a few days I developed a limp that got worse and worse until I couldn't put any weight it at all. I went to the Dr and was given a full leg brace to wear 24/7 for a week due to tendinitis of the knee but afl still couldn't walk any better & struggled to bend my leg. I went to an Orthopedist who said that people tell him they were on Levaquin and experienced all the symptoms I just described but he doesn't beleive them and thinks that it is due to excercise (I hadn't been near the gym in months). It's been almost 6 months since taking Levaquin & I have slowly regained the ability to walk and drive my car again, but my leg is still week and I still have pains in my arms and the other leg, fatigue sometimes

extreme and for no aparent reason. *** If you are asked to take Levaquin PLEASE ASK IF THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE PRESCRIPTION AVAILABLE!!!*** Levaquin is not worth the risk! After this failed I was given another much less expensive antibiotic that cleared up my sinus infection within 10 days and without the ugly side effects of this one. I beleive the drug companys marketing dept must have done a great job on this one - the prescription my Dr originally prescribed was denied by insurance and I was basically forced onto this one.

i was given high dosage of Levaquin for diverticulitis. 4x a day-by end of 2nd day I was feeling like i was tripping, lost my appetite, couldn't sleep and ended up in the psych ward for 4 days because I felt suicidal. OUT OF THE BLUE people. I was a normal 47 yr old at the time. Never a dark thought in my mind. I am convinced this drug is nasty stuff and I would not allow Dr's to give it to me when I had another diverticulitis attack 3 yrs ago. PLEASE ask your Dr for something else. ANYTHING by Levaquin.

Cured my UTI but at a tremendous cost. Ive been practically disabled since taking this drug and have spent the last 3 years in and out of hospitals due to dangerously low blood pressure and uncontrollable hypoglycemia. It has damaged my nervous system, impaired my ability to walk regularly, causes an inability to sleep, severe migraines...etc I have brought my concerns to doctors who reject my claims but who still are unable to properly diagnose my ailments. It has been a nightmare... Before this drug I lived a healthy, normal life

I was given a 3 day course of this medicine for a UTI, and it hasn't worked. Not only that, but within a week or so, I started getting tightness/soreness in the lower legs, arms, and back. A month later, I'm still feeling sore, and I'm a healthy 31 year old. Could it be related to tendon damage? Most likely. I would never take this med (or a similar one) again. Only if it were a life or death situation.

There is a black box warning on this drug regarding tendon damage. Read it!! I wish I had. I was prescribed this medication for a bacterial infection, although the specific type does not seem to be on the drop down list of choices. The first day taking this I experienced severe anxiety and could not sleep. Stomach flip flopping. I had no idea why. (That anxiety continues and I've been off of it for a week.) And, add mood swings to the list of side effects, too. Two days later I went for a run and felt weird sensations in my lower leg, calf, ankle. Within a couple days I had severe pain in that area. I was prescribed this 2x daily for 10 days. I talked to the doctor after 6 1/2 days and she told me to stop when I told her my symptoms. I've had appearing, disappearing and reappearing bruising around my ankle and it is tender to touch and to move. If you don't think that an antibiotic can actually damage your tendons, think again. Ask your doctor if there is an alternative to Cipro. I don't know if it actually worked for the issue it was prescribed for. I'm merely writing because of the side effects.

This drug is evil. I had recurring uti's every month for about a year. Each time was put on cipro. It knocked out the infections but I was worthless for a year with foggy head, dizziness, heat pounding, skin lesions, horrible g.i. Problems, and muscle and joint pain. I just had a round of cipro last month for a uti and those same symptoms came rushing back. It has been a month since that dose and i'm still dealing with the side effects.

there is hope for those affected by cipro. I took it for a uti and the side effects began the last day of treatment. i felt hot, dizzy, almost fainted. my knees and joints began to hurt. within a couple of days, my achilles tendons were incredibly tight and brittle feeling. i had shooting pains that ran up legs. walking, driving...so many activities were painful. after 3 months of suffering and getting minimal help from a gp, I saw an orthopedic surgeon - changed my life. he had seen cipro probs before (unlike my gp) and suggested neurological exams as well as 6 weeks of physical therapy. it was a long road but I made it. after 6 weeks of pt, i was walking with ease. driving with ease for long distances took another few weeks. slowly i regained ability to wear heels for hours, stand for hours, walk for exercise. i returned to jogging without pain. all in all, it took maybe a year to have full recovery. but i made it. every now and then i will have a slight 'twinge' where the effects were most severe (right achilles tendon) but nothing terrible. there is hope. see an ortho or another specialist! there is hope.

Don't ever take this drug! It is a crime it is on the market! Still dealing with heavy pulse, lightheadedness, joint pain, autoimmune issues after 500 days. This drug is toxic to your body and will damage your CNS.

For the love of God, do not take cipro or any family of this drug without thoroughly discussing your other rx options. I landed myself in the ER due to chronic diarrhea....was super dehydrated and passed out while getting bloodwork done to check for reasons for the diarrhea (doc wanted me tested for food allergies etc). Dr at ER rx'd cipro, said they found a trace amount of bacteria inmy urine sample. I asked if cipro would mess up my stomach due to chronic D. Dr said,its prob bacterial too (no stool sample taken) and that cipro would clear it up. Wrong!!!! Not only did i get c diff....i am also dealing with other side affects from only 5 days dose!!!! Blurred vision, weak legs, anxiety, panic attacks, crazy fatigue and weakness, loss of hair, unrefreshing sleep and it turned nto a dx of chronic fatigue syndrome. Prior to cipro i did have diarrhea issues, but still was ok. I was working, and socializing...just worried that i had the D for so long, but otherwise myself. Since Cipro...my life has been stolen. Im on disability....have severe fatigue and bran fog. Google it.... Btw...31yr old healthy active female prior to this.

DO NOT TAKE THIS DRUG!!! I experienced the following side effects from Cipro: 1. Weakness in my legs 2. Tightness of the tendons in my legs 3. Brain fog 4. Loss of memory 5. Loss of peripheral vision 6. Loss of appetite and weight 7. Loss of flexibility 8. Loss of balance 9. Loss of energy 10. Dry mouth 11. Hives 11. Anxiety 12. Pain in my feet I was a healthy 32 year old who did cross-fit regularly until I took Cipro. For months afterward I could barely walk. Most of my symptoms did not occur until 2 weeks after I stopped taking the Cipro. Adverse effects can happen at any time. DO NOT TAKE ANY FLUOROQUINOLONES - CIPRO, AVELOX, LEVAQUIN, FLOXIN, ETC. THEY CAN RUIN YOUR HEALTH!!

I took this drug for 2 weeks and the side effects were horrendous. TWO TENDONS IN MY RIGHT HIP POPPED, Hamstrig tore in the left hip. I couldn't walk a block without severe pain and did therapy for 3 months. It has now been a year and I will never be the same. I am better now after a year, but can't do the sports and dancing like I use to. This drug is very dangerous and should be taken off the market ! WHY ARE DOCTORS STILL PRESCRIBING THIS ?

OMG!!! I have been in constant pain (acute tendonitis - hands, arms, legs, feet, shoulders & even my jaws) for the past year & 4 months after taking Cipro 2 x day for 4 days for a urinary tract infection that turned out to be negative afterall. I thought I had the flu (for the first time in 15 yrs.) but later found out that was a side effect of the Cipro, as well as my face blowing up like a balloon. Forget trying to get medical help because the Dr.'s will all be in denial (due to their lack of knowledge on the subject) and they will pass it off as fibromyalgia. Bull!! My entire body has been swollen for the past year & 4mo's. My left thumb is swollen and feels like someone is pushing a screwdriver into it. My hands, knees, legs, arms, feet swollen and painful every day. If anyone knows of a Dr. who can help me to control this horrible pain and flush this poison out of my body; then PLEASE let me know. I will travel the World to get to him. The Pharm. Co.'s state that this only happens to 1% of the population. Again, BULL!!! Look how many folks are documenting their suffering of the side effects. Do the MATH!! I heard that Dr.s get a kick-back for every prescription they write for Cipro. Yeah, why would they blow the whistle on this poison. Think about it!!!

I was given ciprofloxacin for a relatively minor urinary infection. I was on the medication for a few days when I started having a terrible earache and a pain in my knee that I had never experienced before. My earache has since gone away but my knee pain has only worsened. Before taking this medication I never had any problems with my knees, joints or tendons. My urinary problem didn't go away so I found a natural remedy that worked wonders. I am very sorry I ever took ciprofloxacin and my hope is that anyone who is given this prescription will think twice about taking it. Do consider the side effects and ask yourself if it's worth it!

as far as i'm concerned, this drug should be banned. it has ended all normalcy to an active life. i've had rotater cuff surgury on my right rotator cuff. that was a dismal failure. my left rotator cuff needs surgury,but whats the use if the cipro side effects are going to destroy the work done. my quacktologist says we can't blame cipro because it is out of your system in 72 hours. hogwash!along with the tendon damage the other symptoms are unbelievable. insomnia, constant ringing in the ears, no energy, same old urinary elimination problem that is escalating, nightmares,halucinations you name it. not to mention short term memory loss that can be quite anoying and devistating. the pain never lets up. i'm 68 years old and will soon celebrate accute pain for two years come may.

My daughter suffered hallucinations from this antibiotic, I suppose an unusual side effect. However it resulted in the death of a 25 year old beautiful young woman.
