

I was taking generic Cipro and Levothyroxin and had BAD side effects, like severe migraines. One of them lasted 36 hrs. My head hurt extremely bad, I was dizzy and nauseous. I had to stop taking the Cipro to get relief.

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I recently had a complete thyroidectomy. I developed a bladder infection after the surgery and was put on cipro. Oddly enough, after 4 weeks and my synthroid being raised to 200 mcg, my thyroid levels instead of being in the "hypo" range – moved into the "hyper" range and was just flagged at .004! I wonder if the cipro had anything to do with that???

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I don't know if anyone else has had this problem, but the first time I ever noticed a problem with my thyroid (swelling in the throat) was after taking Cipro. I was later diagnosed with hyperthyroidism (graves disease).

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So was I. I think cipro caused my graves disease!! How are u feeling now??

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I take 150 mcg of Thyroxine daily. I recently had a prolonged kidney infection, taking ciprofloxacin as the third antibiotic to try and cure it. It worked and afterwards (when being treated for stones!) I asked the GP about my thyroid levels and was poo pood and told there was no connection. On being tested, after insisting, my thyroid levels were at rock bottom and I had to take extra doses to get it back up again. So this research is worth pursuing.

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I took Cipro for 3 days twice a day,

I felt like I had pins and needles in my legs and all over my body. Anxiety, dizziness you name it I had it.

I am taking Armour and I felt like it messed up my thyroid.

I slowly recover from this terrible experience still dealing with fatigue and hoping that my thyroid levels will be back to normal soon.

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I was prescribed Cipro to help heal after surgery, and was taking Synthoid after a Thyroidectomy. After a couple of days I started having heart palpitations. Each day it got worse. Finally on the 5th day I was

rushed to the ER with major heart fibrillation. It took 6 hours to stabilize my hearty, and was in CCU for 2 days. Later I found out my thyroid surgeon's wife also took synthoid and cipro and had the exact same reaction.

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Well...some of you may know I had a severe reaction to Cipro back in Nov. which finally pushed me to see a new doctor to get me on Armour. Most of you know Fluoroquinolones are bad for people with thyroid issues and makes you very hypo. Well, I've had progressive tendon pain in my knee since taking this medication and I finally got the results...

ruptured tendon

torn MCL

torn meniscus

synovial cyst

& a bakers cyst!

Great! I hope that doesn't knock me down from nursing clinicals!

This antibiotic is prescribed a lot. Please be careful. My hypoT always hit me with a lot of joint and muscular pain in my legs so I think that made me even more susceptible to these side effects

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I too am dealing with some very depressed thoughts lately, all for the same reason that you state. It's been a year for me dealing with this crap. As you know from your research that thyroid problems can be a result of a FQ reaction, a lot of people report but high and low readings and it seems that many resolve themselves over time.

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Thanks so much all. Your thoughts and kind words mean a lot.

Jim, the psoriasis and arthritis are pre-Cipro. Its all the thyroid symptoms that are post-Cipro (insomnia, rapid heart beat, palpitations, reduced appetite). It all does make for a heavy load. OK, I've got to go get blood drawn (again).

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1 tsp Bugle weed tea, 1 tea bag peppermint tea combo steeped for 20 minutes followed with a cup of coffee 3 times a day till your heart rate drops into the mid 80 beats a minute range. Then decrease the frequency to morning & night when you hit the high 70 's beats per minute. When you're down to 72 beats a minute, do the tea and coffee once a day for 2 weeks, then every other day for two weeks, then every 3 days for 2 weeks and then your symptoms should be gone. I am still well a year later after following this regimen.

I had a UTI and was given Ciproflaxin which gave what seemed to be flu symptoms, muscle aches, racing heart, joint pain, shortness of breath. I went to 3 different doctors and was finally diagnosed as having Graves disease. They wanted to put me on a beta blocker to slow the heart down (which had bad side affects) and a pill for the thyroid which also had bad side effects.

I looked online and found "The Green Pharmacy" by Duke and it recommended the bugle weed tea, and peppermint tea as potentially slowing the Graves disease. I only used the bugle weed not the verbena or other addition since it was only one aspect of my thyroid that wasn't working. I didn't want to suppress the part that would need to take over once the excess thyroid hormone got processed. I'd also read that moderate coffee intake actually lowers the heart rate. The other oddity was that a lot of folks that have taken Ciproflaxin complain of Grave's type symptoms! I did extensive reading on Ciproflaxin and read that it had an affinity to caffeine and to not drink caffeine while taking it because it might have adverse affects. So I deduced that perhaps since I was no longer taking the cipro that now coffee might leach it out of my cells.

To make a long story short, I went from almost be totally incapacitated to total disappearance of symptoms after a 6 month period. I did the 1 tsp bugle weed, 1 Celestial Seasoning peppermint tea combo morning, noon, and night for 3 months solid. Within 30 minutes of taking the tea I would then brew one of the Folger coffee bags that's similar to a tea bag and drink that.

My eyes bothered me for awhile, but that has also subsided.

When I go to the endocrinologists my tests are all normal, except I still have the high ANA which is indicative of Graves.

I've seen no adverse side affects from the regimen I followed. My aches and pains are gone. My heart rate is 68 beats per minute (it was 110 beats per minute for months, day & night), my energy is returned. I hope this helps others who were diagnosed with Graves or on Ciproflaxin. There is a cheap and natural way to recover!

I took Levaquin for a respiratory infection in May of 2008. I started having problems with my right leg shortly after, but didn't make the connection to the drug. Then in October of 2008, I was prescribed Cipro for a UTI and took one pill and could not move my arms or legs. I looked at the insert and noticed the black box warning of tendon ruptures which had only recently been put on fluoroquinolones. It was

then I realized that I had taken the Levaquin earlier and was suffering from muscle pain and weakness. I have gotten progressively worse over the years and been to numerous doctors. I have yet to find one who will acknowledge the connection between this drug and my deteriorating condition.

I do have a theory as to who is adversely affected by fluoroquinolones. I am hypothyroid.

My daughter-in-law who has had a thyroidectomy and is on synthroid also had an adverse reaction to Cipro. Fluoride is an endocrine disruptor. Hypothyroidism may be an indicator of who should not be prescribed this antibiotic. I know it is contra indicated in elderly patients. I was 58 when it was prescribed to me. I would be interested to know how many Floxies are also Hypothyroid or suspect they are because with doctors using only TSH blood tests, a lot of hypothyroidism is undiagnosed.

My name is J . I was given 200 cipros while also on EVISTA and levothyroxine . Cipro ruined my life at 49. I went from an active athletic vibrant woman to a person that wants to die everyday in a wheelchair unable to care for myself. I stopped walking and the pain in my knees got,worse and worse. I had 8 knee mris all showed NOTHING YET I couldn't stand. So I had not one but 2 meniscus surgerys that I didn't need. I never got better so the knee drs ditched on me leaving ,me with more pain and scars I didn't need . I do not take narcotics so I suffered terribly after surgery. Well surgery didn't work I did 2 years of pt and it only gets worse . I used to be on TV for exercise I ran 5 miles a day for 26 years I lifted weight. The Cipro had destroyed my ability to care for myself . I am in a wheelchair and cry for hours every day when I try to stand . It has given me neuropathy. It has given me hashimoto thyroid. It has in turn destroyed ,my feet that can't stand. When I have to get up to roll into the bathroom on my walker. I sit on a couch and cry all, day for 14 months. Nobody can help me I have had nuclear bone scans I have had tons of tests . Everything shows up fine besides the thyroid. This so the work of 23 months of Cipro . This stuff has made me want to die at 51 . I wish someone would have warned me. I can't sue anyone yet we are so broke now fro the hundreds of things I bought to try to help me . From supplements to devices to wheelchairs to walkers canes massagers oils creams foods it goes on and on. I am a waste of,life that lives on a couch not moving, getting atrophy backs now out , It's HELL I hate the drs for continually giving this shit to me. I'm a broken person and nobody cares. It's awful . I hate what Cipro has done to my life. In a blink of an eye out door nowhere my life will never be the same I will never go out with ,my kids , enjoy a walk or a trip,to,the market. I'm CRIPPLED ALONE BITTER AND SAD . I hate,living cipro stopped my life and stole my independence. I can't even react if there's a fire in my home I'd die. I hate,you Cipro amd every single dr that gave it to ME. IT NEEDS TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED. so this is my story im Layin in bed awake at 2 am j sweats and fear like every morning I wake up and say oh no not another day of Cipro symptom hell. I guess I will never walk again. Fu Cipro.

The side effects started with eye floaters and vision problems creeping in... Then after an unfathomable 3 day headache, I was left with a brain numbness that progressed to vertigo, depersonalization, hearing

loss, extreme fatigue. Then the random disabling pains began after about 3 weeks. My life was hell. After 2 months a cyst developed on my thyroid. Now 10 months later, TV things are cycling. Most the same, some new symptoms. My thyroid is now destroyed. Subacute thyroiditis, the cyst has taken over my thyroid and surgical removal is recommended.

Peripheral Neuropathy, loss of teeth, thyroid disease, falling, numbness, vaginal pain, blurred vision, dizziness and nausea. heart palpitations

Nausea, dizziness, depression, fatigue, depersonalization, enlargement of goiter and aggravation of hashimotos symptoms . Wish I had never taken it