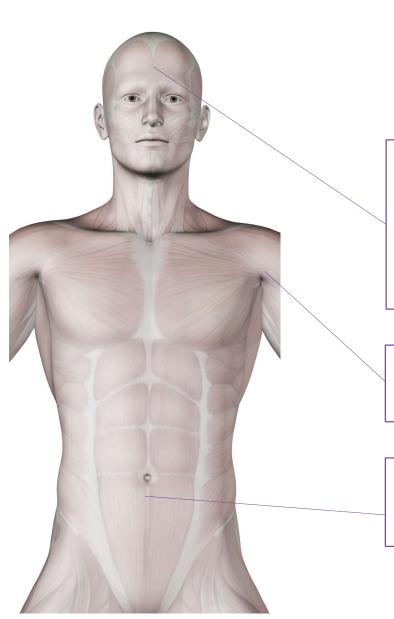
Adrenal Gland Problems

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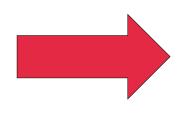
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Why should you report these symptoms early to your oncology team?



Reporting symptoms early increases your chances of staying on your treatment

- Steps can be taken to address your symptoms early
- Weight loss —— nutritional deficiencies
- Untreated depression mental and physical decline

How can I take care of my adrenal gland?

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 If you have been diagnosed with an adrenal insufficiency, your healthcare team will educate you about wearing a medical alert bracelet and being prepared with stress doses of corticosteroids for surgery, severe illness, injury, etc.

Who will help me with adrenal side effects?

YOUR ONCOLOGIST



- Always call your oncologist first
- · They'll manage most symptoms with medications and close follow-up

BUT, if symptoms progress

- A doctor who specializes in adrenal issues (endocrinologist) may need to help
- You may need specialized tests and steroids
- Severe or life-threatening symptoms
 - May require that you be admitted to the hospital and treated by an endocrinologist (adrenal specialist)
 - In that case, specialized medicine and care may be given to you

When should I be most concerned?

If you experience

- Fainting (passing out) or extreme weakness
- Extreme confusion or not making sense to others
- Severe vomiting/diarrhea
- Sudden, severe pain in your lower back, belly, or legs



Call your oncologist IMMEDIATELY and be prepared to go to the emergency room