

Signs & Symptoms of Bleeding

Your child has been placed on a blood thinner to help prevent clots. The most common side effect of blood thinners is bleeding.

Contact the hematologist on-call at BC Children's Hospital at (604) 875-2161
or proceed to the nearest hospital emergency room
if your child experience any of the following:

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- Bleeding from cuts, nose or gums that won't stop after applying direct pressure for 15 minutes
- Bleeding from the ears
- Coughing up or vomiting blood (may be red, black or look like coffee grounds)
- Menstrual bleeding requiring a new pad every 3 hours or sooner or a period that lasts longer than 7 days
- Bruises which appear for no reason or which become swollen or larger over time.
- Purplish/red spots on your skin that don't fade when you press on them (purpura, petechiae)
- Urine is pink, red or dark brown
- Bowel movements are red or black

Bleeding can also result in:

- Pain in joints, muscles, stomach or back
- Swelling or discomfort of a limb
- Unusual headaches
- Dizziness and/or weakness
- Feeling more tired than usual or looking pale
- Difficulty breathing
- Sudden changes in speech or vision