

Annexe 8: Side-effects of Common TB Drugs

Symptom	Drug (abbreviation)	Action to be taken
Drowsiness	Isoniazid (H)	Reassure patient
Red-orange urine/tears	Rifampicin (R)	Reassure patient
Gastrointestinal Upset	Any oral medication	Reassure patient Give drugs with less water. Give drugs over a longer period of time. Do not give drugs on empty stomach. If above fails, consult MO regarding anti- emetic if appropriate
Itching	Isoniazid (H) (other drugs also)	Reassure patient If severe, stop all drugs and refer patient to MO
Burning in the hands and feet	Isoniazid (H)	Refer to MO who will give pyridoxine 100 mg/day symptoms subside
Joint pains	Pyrazinamide (Z)	If severe, refer patient for evaluation
Impaired vision	Ethambutol (E)	STOP treatment, refer patient for evaluation
Ringing in the ears	Streptomycin (S)	STOP streptomycin, refer patient for evaluation
Loss of hearing	Streptomycin (S)	STOP streptomycin, refer patient for evaluation
Dizziness, loss of balance	Streptomycin (S)	STOP streptomycin, refer patient for evaluation
Jaundice	Isoniazid (H) Rifampicin (R) Pyrazinamide (Z)	STOP treatment, refer patient for evaluation