

Education

Fever associated with the use of certain injectable medications for the treatment of multiple sclerosis (MS) is very common following the injection. Fever is one of the many “flu-like” symptoms patients may experience while on medication for MS. Other “flu-like” symptoms may include headache, tiredness, chills, and a general feeling of discomfort. Fever can be managed using the following helpful tips and treatment options.

Helpful Tips for Fever Management

- Use cooling packs on your forehead and keep the room air cooler than normal to help keep you more comfortable.
- Consume cooler foods and drinks rather than hot food and drinks.
- If the above techniques do not provide relief, over-the-counter medications may be the next step for your care.

Treatment Options

- Fever associated with the use of injectable MS medications may be treated with over-the-counter medications such as acetaminophen (Tylenol®), ibuprofen (Motrin® or Advil®) or naproxen (Aleve®).
- It is important to contact your doctor or pharmacist before you take any of these medications for specific directions of use and to confirm it is an appropriate treatment option for you.
- It is also important to talk with your doctor if these symptoms become bothersome or suddenly become worse than the symptoms you usually experience. An unusually high or prolonged fever may be a sign of infection.

For questions or concerns regarding any of the above statements or recommendations, please feel free to contact Diplomat Specialty Pharmacy Toll Free at 1.866.208.3430.