



# FLUOROQUINOLONE FACT SHEET



## QUICK GUIDE TO FLUOROQUINOLONE ANTIBIOTICS TOXICITY

1. Levaquin, Cipro, Avelox, & Floxin are Fluoroquinolone antibiotics. There are others as well and many generics.
2. These antibiotics are not natural compounds but are **synthetic** chemotherapeutics, based on quinine's quinoline pharmacophore, which have a potent toxic profile.
3. Many people get toxic symptoms during their first treatment, or during a subsequent treatment, after having apparent success some previous treatments.
4. Although symptoms of intoxication can appear during the treatment, it is common that many symptoms begin well after completing the treatment.
5. When toxicity is reached, the initial symptoms increase in intensity and new symptoms appear during, weeks or months, and sometimes years after treatment cessation.
6. There are toxic symptoms that heal relatively quickly, in a year or so, and but for some it takes 10 years or more to become endurable.
7. Unfortunately, many injuries caused by Fluoroquinolones can be permanent and irreversible in nature.
8. Some of the more debilitating symptoms affect the brain and nervous systems, but also can affect the musculoskeletal system and most organs of the body.
9. Toxicity from the Fluoroquinolones is often not linked back to the antibiotic by either patients or doctors.
10. Intractable pain is present in many of the Fluoroquinolone toxicity cases.
11. Once the toxicity takes place, there is no known reliable treatment, and only time and avoiding other toxic exposures as much as it is possible, helps with healing.
12. It is very difficult to find a doctor with a knowledge about Fluoroquinolone Toxicity. Most medical professionals do not accept that the symptoms of a patient are a manifestation of Fluoroquinolone toxicity.
13. Misdiagnoses of Fluoroquinolone toxicity have been fibromyalgia, Sjögren's, Reactive arthritis, serum sickness, multiple sclerosis, Raynaud's, chronic fatigue syndrome/ME, Lyme, various neuropsychiatric disorders, amongst others.
14. If you experience Fluoroquinolone toxicity, you must avoid any re-challenge or exposure with another quinolone for the rest of your life, or risk cumulative toxicity.
15. Save for mild cases of toxicity by quinolones, the victim has to adapt his/her way of living to the new situation, in order to speed up recovery.

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