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We are contacting you because you are taking an antibiotic drug called nitrofurantoin.

The medicines and healthcare products regulatory agency (MHRA) have asked GP practices to inform patients about some potential adverse drug reactions that they need to be aware of whilst taking this medicine.

Advice from MHRA for healthcare professionals to give to patients and caregivers:

- Nitrofurantoin is an effective antibiotic used to prevent and treat infections of the bladder, kidney, and other parts of the urinary tract, but it has been linked to side effects affecting the lungs and liver
- If you are taking nitrofurantoin, seek medical advice if you experience trouble breathing, shortness of breath, a lingering cough, coughing up blood or mucus, or pain or discomfort when breathing. These may be symptoms of a side effect affecting the lungs
- Talk to your doctor or another healthcare professional promptly if you develop yellowing of the skin or eyes, upper right abdominal pain, dark urine and pale or grey-coloured stools, itching or joint pain and swelling. These may be symptoms of a side effect affecting the liver

Further information can be found in the nitrofurantoin patient information leaflet provided with the medication.

Please contact the surgery if you are concerned about any of these symptoms.