

# Crack and powder cocaine still contain levamisole - and it still causes illness.

Some people still get very ill because of cocaine contaminated with levamisole.

*(It's a toxic substance for de-worming animals, added by cocaine producers.)*

Most people doing cocaine do not react, however people who do can have severe infections or sickness.

Most crack/cocaine contains levamisole. You can't tell if it's there by looking at it, smelling or tasting.

It doesn't matter how you used the cocaine, or what type it is.

**If you have any of these symptoms, go to the hospital emergency room **immediately**:**

- **Skin Conditions:**

Dark skin patches appear on your body. At first it looks like a bruise, then it gets darker and forms scabs. The skin can die, and start to come off.

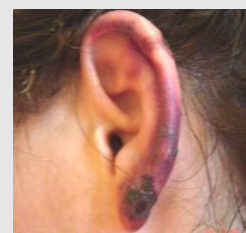
- **Infections**

Rapid onset of fever, chills, sore throat, and/or pneumonia (fever, chills, shortness of breath, coughing).

**The infection is treatable. Get help now!**

Tell the hospital staff that you use cocaine/crack, and you are worried that your symptoms are from levamisole. They need all the facts to help you, and they need to see you quickly.

You can get better with treatment. However if you're sensitive to levamisole, the illness might come back if you use cocaine or crack again.



Early phase skin lesions



Mid-phase skin lesions



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