Risk Lists for Informed Consent

General Disclaimer

The drugs used in this study may have side effects, some of which are listed below. Please note that these lists do not include all the side effects seen with these drugs. These lists include the more serious or common side effects with a known or possible relationship. If you have questions concerning additional study drug side effects please ask the medical staff at your site.

Nucleoside Analogue

Lactic acidosis and severe hepatomegaly (enlarged liver) with steatosis (fatty liver) that may result in liver failure, other complications and death have been reported with the use of antiretroviral nucleoside analogues alone or in combination. The liver complications and death have been seen more often in women on these drug regimens. Some nonspecific symptoms that might indicate lactic acidosis include: unexplained weight loss, stomach discomfort, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, weakness, and shortness of breath.

Zidovudine (RETROVIR®)

GlaxoSmithKline

The following side effects have been associated with use of zidovudine:

- Decrease in the number of white blood cells that help fight infection
- Decrease in the number of red blood cells that may cause weakness, dizziness, and fatigue
- Muscle aches, weakness, and wasting
- Headache
- Upset stomach
- Vomiting
- Decrease in appetite
- Vague overall feeling of discomfort
- Lack of energy
- Feeling tired
- Sleeplessness
- Heartburn