



ADR

Tip of the Month

Ibuprofen

Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS)

and

toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN)

The CPSP has received recent reports of SJS and TEN suspected with the use of ibuprofen in the treatment of fever in children.

Diseases include a macular red rash, blisters on mucous membranes, and small areas of peeling skin (SJS) or large areas of peeling skin (TEN). Both are rare and can be life-threatening.

Physicians should:

- Discontinue ibuprofen immediately, if suspected.
- Hospitalize children, in a burn unit when possible.
- Consult with a physician expert in the management of SJS.
- Provide scrupulous care to avoid infection.
- Replace fluids and salts, which are lost through the damaged skin, intravenously.

Reference

www.merck.com/mmhe/sec18/ch203/ch203e.html

***Please report all serious
adverse drug reactions (ADRs).***