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Hypothyroid Signs & Symptoms

Physical	weight gain	Weight gain not explained by diet and lifestyle, e.g., fluid retention
appearance	course, dry skin	Dry, flaking skin
	periorbital edema	Swelling under eyes
	hoarseness	Gradual onset of hoarseness, loss of voice range
	puffiness	puffiness or swelling of face, swollen eyelids
	non-pitting edema	Swelling of lower legs / ankles that does not leave an impression (dent) when pressed
	macroglossia, scalloped tongue	Tongue is swollen and wavy on the edges (scalloped), instead of smooth and pink
	glossitis	Swollen, inflamed tongue
	salivary gland enlargement	Swollen salivary glands
	Sign of Hertoghe	Thinning or loss of outer third of eyebrows
	alopecia, often as telogen effluvium	Diffuse hair loss involving entire scalp, may involve hair loss on lower legs, arms, armpits
	changes in lip colour	Pale lips, bluish lips



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Neuropsychiatric	depression 🗌	depressed mood
. ,	decreased mental function \Box	difficulty concentrating, general mental slowing, memory problems
Neuromuscular	physical tiredness	Lack of energy (lethargy) and fatigue
	paresthesia 🗆	burning or prickling sensation that is usually felt in the hands,
	hypokinesis \square	Decreased degree of movement, e.g. difficulty rising from a chair, getting out car, turning in bed, poor dexterity in brushing teeth, putting on makeup, shaving
	hypoflexia 🗆	muscle weakness, decreased muscle tone
	myalgia 🗆	muscle and joint pain



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Cardiovascular	Bradycardia 🗆	slow heart rate
	Diastolic hypertension	High diastolic blood pressure (second number in BP) , no other reason
Thyroid gland	Goiter 🗌	lump in front of neck
Thermoregulation	Cold intolerance	Sensitivity to cold temperature
	Diminished sweating	Not sweating as much as usual, even when posed to heat
	Low basal temperature $\ \square$	Body temperature lower than normal
Gastrointestinal	constipation \Box	infrequent bowel movements or difficult passage of stools that persists for several weeks or longer
Pituitary Function	Menorrhagia 🗆	Menstrual bleeding that lasts > 7 days and/or that is very heavy
	Amenorrhea 🗆	Cessation (stopping) of menstrual period



Referenced Articles on Hypothyroidism

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[Coming soon] - Hypothyroidism 101 (under the Food for Thought tab

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