

NSF Symptoms

Information on the Common Symptoms of Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis (NSF)

Patients with Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis (NSF), also known as Nephrogenic Fibrosing Dermopathy (NFD), experience develop thickening of the skin and connective tissues throughout their bodies. This is known as fibrosis. The skin becomes so hard and thick that it restricts movement. It puts tremendous pressure on bones and joints and can even cause fractures.

Symptoms of Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis (NSF) can also show up in other parts of the body, affecting the heart, diaphragm, lungs and other areas.

Symptoms of Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis include:

- Burning
- Itching
- Swelling
- Hardening and tightening of the skin
- Yellow spots on the whites of the eyes
- Stiffness in joints and trouble moving or straightening the arms, hands, legs or feet
- Pain deep in the hip bones or ribs
- Muscle weakness

In some cases, it can take up to 18 months for NSF symptoms to appear after an injection, but they usually appear much sooner, even as soon as two days after the procedure. Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis is a progressive skin disease and does appear to move quite quickly. Within a few weeks of the start of NSF symptoms, many patients are confined to a wheelchair.

There is no known cure for Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis.

If you have developed Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis (NSF) as the result of gadolinium in your system, please contact us today.