

Cinchonism is an adverse effect of quinidine use, which presents as dizziness, ringing in the ears, and diarrhea.

## Shared Side Effects

### Thrombocytopenia

[Trombone-side-toe-peanut](#)

Thrombocytopenia may be induced with quinidine, possibly due to the destruction of platelets by antibodies developed in response to protein-quinine complexes in the circulation.

### Torsades de Pointes

[Tortoise with Points](#)

Torsades de Pointes can quickly transform into ventricular fibrillation, which may lead to sudden death in minutes. Torsades is a ventricular tachycardia which presents with shifting sinusoid waveforms on ECG. It may occur due to the increase in QT interval associated with this drug class.