

Hypokalemia

[Hippo-banana](#)

Hypokalemia is a drop in serum potassium levels, which can occur as a side effect of IV terbutaline. Terbutaline, a beta-agonist, drives potassium into cells, decreasing serum levels. This effect can lead to symptoms like muscle weakness and, in severe cases, arrhythmias. Monitoring potassium is key during terbutaline infusion to prevent complications.

Hyperglycemia

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Hyperglycemia may occur in diabetic patients due to overactivation of beta 2 receptors. Diabetic patients should monitor their blood sugar more frequently and may require increased doses of insulin while on this medication. Important to note, that hypoglycemia may occur in neonates exposed via mothers administered this medication preterm or during labor.