

One of the most common side effects of raloxifene is hot flashes. It occurs in roughly 10% of patients.

Thromboembolism

Trombone-Elmo

Raloxifene increases the risk of deep vein thrombosis (DVT), pulmonary embolism, and retinal vein thrombosis. These complications can occur within the first four months of treatment. If the patient has a history of thrombosis, raloxifene should be avoided. Raloxifene should be discontinued at least 72 hours before and during immobilization (e.g., post-surgical recovery).