An Important Reminder About Temporarily Suspending Chelation During Fever Thalassemia patients should halt chelation (any chelator) temporarily for fever, and call the doctor who prescribed it, at any hour of the day or night.



• Patients whose spleen has been removed must also be seen promptly for fever over 101.5°F (38.5°C) because of the higher risk of bacterial infection.

• Patients on Ferriprox (deferiprone) with fever must not only temporarily halt chelator, but also go promptly for blood counts.

Further information is available at: bit.ly/ChelationAndFever

Please consult with your doctor if you have any questions.

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