

Complications of Cough

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Organ System	Complication
Cardiovascular	Hemorrhages or ruptures of veins, arrhythmias
Gastrointestinal	Sweating, reflux, hernia
Genitourinary	Urinary incontinence
Musculoskeletal	Diaphragmatic rupture, rib fractures
Neurological	Cerebral embolism, syncope, headache, dizziness
Ophthalmological	Rupture of blood vessels
Psychosocial	Fear of serious disease, self-consciousness
Respiratory	Asthma exacerbation, herniation, hoarseness
Skin	Petechiae, purpura