

# Levofloxacin

## *Patient information sheet*

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### **Why are you taking the medication:**

**Levofloxacin** is used alone or with other drugs to treat tuberculosis and to prevent people from getting sick if they have had contact with tuberculosis bacteria.

### **Let your health care provider know right away if you have any of the following issues:**

- Pain, swelling, or tearing of the tendon (such as the back of your ankle, calves or elbow), or muscle or joint pain.
- Rashes or hives.
- Bruising or blistering.
- Trouble breathing or tightness in your chest.
- Diarrhea.
- Yellow skin or eyes.
- Anxiety, confusion, or dizziness.

### **Instructions for taking medication:**

- Do not take this medication within two hours of ingestion of milk-based products, antacids or taking iron, magnesium, calcium, zinc, vitamins, didanosine, or sucralfate.
- Avoid caffeinated foods and beverages.
- You may take this medication with food.
- Drink plenty of beverages.
- May cause sun sensitivity; use sun screen.

### **Contact information for your health department:**

County Health Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Person to Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Number to call: \_\_\_\_\_

**In the event of a medical emergency please call 911.**