

Rifampin

Patient information sheet

Why are you taking the medication:

Rifampin 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:

- Unusual tiredness or loss of appetite.
- Severe abdominal upset.
- Fever or chills.

Instructions for taking medication:

- Best taken without food; if it bothers your stomach, try taking it with a small amount of food.
- It is normal for your urine, tears, and other secretions to turn an orange color when taking this medicine.
- Soft contact lenses may become discolored while you are on this medicine.
- Make sure your doctor knows all the medicines you take because many drugs can interfere with this one.
- Avoid the use of oral hormone-based birth control methods because rifampin may decrease their effectiveness.
- As with all medications, it is important to take the full course of medicine, even if you begin to feel better.
- Rifampin interacts with many types of medications. It is very important to tell your healthcare provider about ANY medication you take including any over-the-counter medication.

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.