

Rifabutin

Patient information sheet

Why are you taking the medication:

Rifabutin 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.
- Any eye pain, change in vision, or sensitivity to light.
- Pain or swelling in the joints.
- Yellowing of the skin or eyes or dark urine.
- Nausea or Vomiting.

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 a brownish- orange color when taking this medicine.
- Soft contact lenses may become discolored while you are on this medicine
- Use a second form of birth control to prevent pregnancy while taking this medicine because Rifabutin may decrease the effectiveness of oral hormone-based birth control methods.
- As with all medications, it is important to take the full course of medicine, even if you begin to feel better.
- Rifabutin 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.