

# Ethambutol

## *Patient information sheet*

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

Ethambutol is used with other medicines to treat tuberculosis

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

- Any problems with your eyes: vision changes, blurring, color blindness, trouble seeing, or eye pain
- Swelling of face
- Rash, hives, or trouble breathing
- Numbness, pain, or tingling in hands or feet
- Joint pain
- Fever or chills
- Nausea, vomiting, poor appetite, or abdominal pain
- Headache or dizziness

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

- Can be taken with food or on an empty stomach
- As with all medications, it is important to take the full course of the medicine, even if you begin to feel better
- Be sure to tell your healthcare provider about ANY other medications you may take, especially medications for seizures

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

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