Rifapentine
Patient information sheet

Why you are taking the medication:
Rifapentine is used 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:
• Fever
• Loss of appetite
• Malaise
• Nausea and vomiting
• Darkened urine
• Yellowish discoloration of the skin and eyes
• Pain or swelling of the joints

Instructions for taking medication:
• Rifapentine may produce a reddish coloration of your urine, sweat, sputum, tears, and breast milk – be aware that your contact lenses or dentures may be permanently stained
• The reliability of oral or other systemic hormonal birth control may be affected; consider using alternative contraceptive measures
• If you are prone to nausea, vomiting, or gastrointestinal upset, taking rifapentine with food may be useful
• It is very important to stay well hydrated while taking this medication to help prevent side effects, here is a link to the “Hydration Protocol” to follow while on this medication: http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/oeps/tuberculosis/Documents/Hydration%20Protocol%20with%20RPT%20and%20INH.pdf
• As with all medications, it is important to take the full course of the medicine, even if you begin to feel better
• Rifapentine interacts with many types of medications. It is very important to tell your healthcare provider about ANY medication you take including over the counter medication

Contact information for your health department: