

# Rifapentine

## *Patient information sheet*

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### **Why are you 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, please follow the [Hydration Protocol](#).
- As with all medications, it is important to take the full course of 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 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.**