

# 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:**