METRONIDAZOLE

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What does it do?

Metronidazole is an antibiotic used to treat and prevent bacterial infections.

Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you have ever had a seizure.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.

How should you take it?

Take *metronidazole* regularly as directed. You can take it with or without food. Keep taking it until the course is finished, even if you start to feel better.
Tablet: Take with a glass of water.
Liquid: Measure carefully with an oral syringe or measuring spoon. Shake the bottle well before measuring each dose.

What if you forget a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as possible and continue as directed.

Can you take other medicines?

Some medicines available without a prescription may react with *metronidazole* including:

- medicines containing alcohol (e.g. some cough mixtures)

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products or recreational drugs.

What side effects might you notice?

Side Effects	Recommended action
Seizures Changes in vision	Tell your doctor immediately
Confusion, drowsiness or weakness Numbness or tingling of the fingers or toes	Tell your doctor
Vaginal itch or discharge (vaginal thrush) Small white sores in mouth, furry tongue (oral thrush)	Tell your health professional
Headache Loss of appetite, metallic taste	Tell your doctor if troublesome
Stomach upset	Take with food and tell your doctor if symptoms continue

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.

Other information:

- Do not drink alcohol while taking *metronidazole*, and for 24 hours after stopping. This combination may cause severe nausea and vomiting, facial flushing and headache.