New Zealand Formulary
PATIENT INFORMATION

VANCOMYCIN (for C difficile)

van-koh-my-sin

What does it do?

Vancomycin is an antibiotic used to treat a bowel infection called Clostridioides difficile (C. difficile).

Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.

How should you take it?

Take *vancomycin* regularly as directed. Keep taking it until the course is finished, even if you start to feel better. You can take it either with or without food.

Measure the liquid carefully with an oral syringe or measuring spoon. You can mix the liquid with juice immediately before drinking.

What if you forget a dose?

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

Can you take other medicines?

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
Nausea, vomiting Unpleasant taste	Tell your doctor if troublesome

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

Other information:

- Store *vancomycin* liquid as directed. Once the course is finished, take any leftover liquid back to your pharmacy.