PIVMECILLINAM

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What does it do?

Pivmecillinam is an antibiotic used to treat bacterial infections.

Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you have swallowing problems, or if you are allergic to penicillin antibiotics.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.

How should you take it?

Take *pivmecillinam* regularly as directed. Keep taking it until the course is finished, even if you start to feel better. *Pivmecillinam* can damage your oesophagus (food pipe). To avoid this, take it with a large glass of water. Swallow the tablet whole, do not crush or chew it. Sit or stand upright for at least 30 minutes after taking a dose.

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
Symptoms of allergy including: skin rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing Trouble swallowing, chest pain, indigestion or heartburn (new or getting worse)	Tell your doctor immediately
Severe or persistent diarrhoea, abdominal pain	Tell your doctor
Stomach upset	Tell your doctor if troublesome

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

Other information:

- *Pivmecillinam* is not registered for use in New Zealand. Discuss with your doctor.