Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand
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PIPERACILLIN AND TAZOBACTAM

pi-per-a-sil-in and taz-oh-bak-tam

What does it do?

Piperacillin and *tazobactam* is an antibiotic used to treat bacterial infections.

Before you start

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

How is it given?

Piperacillin and *tazobactam* is given as an infusion or injection into a vein. It is usually given to you by a health professional.

What if you forget a dose?

Contact your health professional as soon as possible. Usually, the missed dose is given as soon as possible, and treatment continued 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	Tell your health professional immediately
Severe or persistent diarrhoea, abdominal pain Small white sores in mouth, furry tongue (oral thrush) Vaginal itch or discharge (vaginal thrush)	Tell your health professional
Stomach upset Irritation or pain at injection site	Tell your health professional if troublesome

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