



Erythromycin Treatment

Erythromycin is an antibiotic taken by mouth for the treatment of sexually transmitted infections.

Allergies

- Tell your health care provider if you have an allergy to any macrolide antibiotic.

Pregnancy/Breastfeeding

- Erythromycin base may be taken during pregnancy. (Erythromycin **Estolate** is **contraindicated** in pregnancy).
- Erythromycin may be used with caution during breastfeeding.

CAUTION

- **Discontinue drinking grapefruit juice during Erythromycin treatment.**
- **You cannot take the following medications with erythromycin:**
 - **Antipsychotics:** Pimozide (Orap[®]), Thioridazine
 - **Cancer chemotherapy:** Topotecan (Hycamtin[®])
 - **Heart:** Disopyramide (Rythmodan[®])
 - **Migraine:** Dihydroergotamine (Migranal[®]), Ergotamine (Cafergot[®]), Methysergide (Sansert[®])

Tell your doctor if you are taking the following medication:

- **Adrenal:** Cinacalcet (Sensipar[®])
- **Antianxiety:** Buspirone (BuSpar[®])
- **Antibiotic:** Ciprofloxacin (Cipro[®]), Clarithromycin (Biaxin[®]), Clindamycin (DalacinC[®]), Levofloxacin (Levaquin[®]), Lincomycin (Lincocin[®]), Moxifloxacin (Avelox[®]), Norfloxacin, Ofloxacin (Floxin[®]), Rifabutin (Mycobutin[®]), Rifampin (Rifadin[®], Rofact[®]), Spiramycin (Rovamycin[®]), Sulfamethoxazole-Trimethoprim (Septra[®]), Telithromycin (Ketek[®]),
- **Anticonvulsants:** Carbamazepine (Tegretol[®]), Divalproex Sodium (Epival[®]), Valproic Acid (Depakene[®])
- **Antidepressant:** Amitriptyline, Citalopram (Celexa[®]), Clomipramine (Anafranil[®]), Desipramine, Doxepin, Escitalopram (Cipralex[®]), Fluoxetine (Prozac[®]), Imipramine (Tofranil[®]), Maprotiline, Nortriptyline (Aventyl[®]), Sertraline (Zoloft[®]), Trimipramine
- **Antidiabetic:** Repaglinide (GlucoNorm[®])
- **Antifungal:** Fluconazole (Diflucan[®]), Itraconazole (Sporanox[®]), Ketoconazole, Voriconazole (Vfend[®])
- **Antihelminthic:** Praziquantel (Biltricide[®])
- **Antimalarial:** Chloroquine, Mefloquine (Lariam[®])
- **Antiobesity:** Sibutramine (Meridia[®])
- **Antipsychotic:** Chlorpromazine, Clozapine (Clozaril[®]), Haloperidol, Quetiapine (Seroquel[®]), Risperidone (Risperdal[®]), Thioridazine, Trifluoperazine
- **Asthma:** Aminophylline (Phyllocontin[®]), Oxtriphylline (Choledyl[®]), Salmeterol (Serevent[®]), Advair[®], Theophylline (Uniphyll[®]), Zafirlukast (Accolate[®])

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Tell your doctor if you are taking the following medication:

- **Benzodiazepines:** Alprazolam (Xanax[®]), Clonazepam (Rivotril[®]), Diazepam, Triazolam (Halcion[®])
- **Birth Control Pills** (estrogens/progestogens)
- **Blood Thinners:** Clopidogrel (Plavix[®]), Warfarin (Coumadin[®])
- **Cancer Chemotherapy:** Dasatinib (Sprycel[®]), Gefitinib (Iressa[®]), Imatinib (Gleevec[®]) Sunitinib (Sutent[®]), Tretinoin (Vesanoïd[®])
- **Corticosteroids:** Budesonide (Entocort[®]), Methylprednisolone
- **Erectile Dysfunction:** Sildenafil (Viagra[®]), Tadalafil (Cialis[®]), Vardenafil (Levitra[®])
- **Gout:** Colchicine
- **Heart Medication:** Amiodarone (Cordarone[®]), Digoxin (Lanoxin[®]), Disopyramide (Rythmodan[®]), Flecainide (Tambocor[®]), Procainamide (Procan SR[®]), Propafenone (Rythmol[®]), Quinidine, Renolazine, Sotalol
 - **Blood Pressure:** Amlodipine (Norvasc[®]), Diltiazem (Cardizem[®]), Felodipine (Plendil[®]), Nifedipine (Adalat XL[®]), Verapamil (Isoptin SR[®])
- **Immunosuppressants:** Cyclosporine (Neoral[®]), Sirolimus (Rapamune[®]), Tacrolimus (Prograf[®])
- **Migraine:** Almotriptan (Axert[®]), Eletriptan (Relpax[®]), Zolmitriptan (Zomig[®])
- **Nausea:** Dolasetron (Anzemet[®]), Domperidone, Prochlorperazine
- **Oral Typhoid Vaccine** (Vivotif[®])
- **Pain:** Fentanyl (Duragesic[®]), Methadone, Tramadol (Tramacet[®])
- **Sleeping:** Chloral Hydrate, Zopiclone (Rhovane[®], Imovane[®])
- **Statins:** Atorvastatin (Lipitor[®]), Lovastatin (Mevacor[®]), Simvastatin (Zocor[®])
- **Urinary:** Tolterodine (Detrol[®]), Alfuzosin (Xatral[®])
- **Misc:** Bosentan (Tracleer[®]), Bromocriptine, Cabergoline (Dostinex[®]), Entacapone (Comtan[®]), Galantamine (Reminyl[®]), Octreotide (Sandostatin[®]), Tetrabenazine (Nitroman[®])

Side Effects

- You may get diarrhea, nausea, abdominal pain, or vomiting.

Instructions for Taking

- Take on an empty stomach (1 hour before or 2 hours after food) with a large glass of water.

Storage Instructions

- Store at room temperature between 15-30°C.
- Protect from light, heat, and moisture.
- All oral medications should be used on or before the printed expiry date.
- Keep away from the reach of children.

Special Instructions

- Do not have sex until:
 - one week after your 1-day treatment; or
 - your 7-day treatment is complete, and
 - your sex partner(s) have also been treated, even if their test results are negative.
- Tell your health care provider if:
 - you have sex with an untreated partner or
 - you have sex before either you or your partner(s) treatment is complete.
- If you are using a hormonal form of birth control (oral tablets, ring, or patch), use an extra method of protection until your present cycle is completed.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact your doctor, local health unit, or see contact information below.