



BC Centre for Disease Control
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MOXIFLOXACIN

What is Moxifloxacin?

Moxifloxacin is an antibiotic used in treatment of tuberculosis (TB) and other lung infections.

When should I take this?

- Moxifloxacin may be taken with or without food. Drink plenty of fluids.
- Take this medication with a full glass of water at the same time every day.
- Swallow tablets whole. Do not crush or chew the tablets.

How should I take this?

- It is very important that you take moxifloxacin exactly as directed by your doctor.
- You are to take moxifloxacin:
 - One tablet once a day

What should I do if I miss a dose?

- If you miss a dose, take that dose as soon as you remember. However, if it is almost time for the next day's dose, skip the missed dose.
- **Never take a double dose.**

Is there anything I should avoid when taking this?

Moxifloxacin should be taken at least 4 hours before or 8 hours after taking the following:

- Antacids containing aluminum or magnesium, sucralfate, iron, multivitamins containing iron or zinc, and chewable or buffered didanosine.

Tell your doctor and pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any over-the-counter (non-prescription) products.

Tell your doctor if you have a history of liver disease; epilepsy or seizure disorder; heart disease including irregular or slow heart beats, hypokalemia (low potassium), or prior heart attack; or if you are taking medications which may affect the heart rhythm.

Tell your doctor if you have an allergy to moxifloxacin or another antibiotic from the class of medications called quinolones; some examples include levofloxacin, ciprofloxacin, and gatifloxacin.

What are some possible side effects?

Side effects are infrequent and usually mild and may include headache or stomach upset.

However, if you experience the following, stop taking the medication immediately and contact your doctor:

- Abnormal heart beat or fainting
- Rash, hives, or difficulty breathing
- Bloody or watery diarrhea
- Any other persistent side effects

Moxifloxacin may cause dizziness or lightheadedness. Use caution when driving or operating machinery until you know how moxifloxacin affects you.

If you experience pain or tenderness in your ankles, hands or shoulders, or pain while walking, rest and refrain from exercise until you have seen your doctor.

Avoid excessive exposure to sunlight or artificial UV light (e.g. sunlamps) while taking this medication and one day after completing moxifloxacin treatment. Use sunscreen and wear protective clothing. Contact your doctor if a sunburn-like reaction or skin eruptions occur.

If you are diabetic, regularly check your blood glucose levels while taking this medication.

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, plan to become pregnant, or if you wish to breast-feed your baby.

Where should I store this medication?

- Keep this medication out of the reach of children
- Tablets: Store at room temperature in a cool, dry place.

Where do I call if I have any other questions?