



BC Centre for Disease Control
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RIFABUTIN

What is Rifabutin?

Rifabutin is an antibiotic used to prevent or treat mycobacterium avium complex (MAC) or tuberculosis (TB) and occasionally other related infections.

When should I take this?

- May be taken with food to lessen stomach upset.
- Take this medicine at the same time everyday. (This will help you remember to take the medicine)

How should I take this?

- It is very important that you take this medicine regularly.
- Take as directed by your doctor.
- You are to take this medicine:
 - Two capsules once per day.
 - Other: _____

What should I do if I miss a dose?

- If you miss a dose, take that dose as soon as you remember. But if it is almost time for the next day's dose, skip the missed dose.
- **Do not take a double dose.**

Is there anything I should avoid when taking this?

✘ Alcohol

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

Use an alternative form of contraception (e.g. condoms) if you are taking birth control pills.

What are some possible side effects?

If you experience the following, stop taking this medicine and report these immediately to your doctor:

- Unusual tiredness or weakness
- Fever and sore throat
- Sore mouth or tongue
- Loss of vision or eye pain
- Nausea (urge to vomit)
- Stomach upset or diarrhea
- Yellowing of skin or eyes
- Muscle or joint pain
- Rash

It is important that you go for all lab tests ordered by your doctor.

This medicine may cause your tears, saliva, sweat, urine and feces to be colored brown-orange. This is harmless but may permanently stain soft contact lenses.

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 away from the reach of children
- Protect from light
- Capsules: Store at room temperature in a tightly closed container in a cool, dry place.

Where do I call if I have any other questions?

