



BC Centre for Disease Control
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LEVOFLOXACIN

What is Levofloxacin?

Levofloxacin is an antibiotic used in the treatment of bacterial infections.

When should I take this?

- This medicine may be taken with or without food.
- Take it with a full 8 oz (=240 mL) glass of water at the same time everyday. (This will help you remember to take the medicine.)
- Drink several glasses of fluids throughout the day.

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:
 - ONE tablet ONCE each 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?

Space these 2 hours before or 2 hours after taking Levofloxacin

- ✗ Antacids containing Aluminum, Calcium and/or Magnesium
- ✗ Sucralfate (ulcer medication)
- ✗ Supplements containing Iron, Zinc or Calcium

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

What are some possible side effects?

- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Headache
- Drowsiness or lightheadedness

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

- Rash, hives, or difficulty breathing
- Irregular heartbeats or chest pain
- Muscle, tendon, or joint pain
- Yellowing of the skin or eyes

Levofloxacin may cause drowsiness or dizziness. Use caution when driving, operating machinery or performing hazardous activity.

Avoid excessive exposure to sunlight while taking this medication. Use a sunscreen and wear protective clothing.

If you are diabetic, have your blood glucose levels checked regularly 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 away from the reach of children
- Tablets: Store at room temperature in a cool, dry place.

Where do I call if I have any other questions?