



BC Centre for Disease Control
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ETHAMBUTOL

What is Ethambutol?

Ethambutol is an antibiotic used to treat tuberculosis (TB) and occasionally other related infections.

When should I take this?

- Take on an empty stomach (1 hour before or 2 hours after food).
- 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 tablets 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?

- ✘ Antacids
Space at least 2 hours apart from this medicine.

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?

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

- Any changes or blurring of vision
- Difficulty distinguishing between red and green colors

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

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
- Tablets: Store at room temperature in a cool, dry place.
- Suspension. Refrigerate. Shake well before use.

Where do I call if I have any other questions?