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ETHAMBUTOL

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

When should I take this?

Take this medicine at the same time every day. 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.

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?

- Ethambutol should be taken at least 4 hours before or 4 hours after the following:
 - Antacids or supplements containing aluminum

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

What are some possible side effects?

Stomach upset, nausea or vomiting

Caution: Stop taking this medicine and call your doctor or nurse immediately if you experience the following symptoms:

Changes or blurring of vision

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- Difficulty distinguishing between red and green colors
- Rash

Tell your doctor if you experience any unusual symptoms not mentioned on this information sheet.

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What else do I need to know about taking Ethambutol?

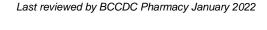
- Tell your doctor if you have any of these **conditions**: eye problems or disease, gout, kidney disease, liver disease.
- It is important that you go for all **lab and vision tests** ordered by your doctor and that you attend all **appointments** with your doctor or nurse.
- Tell your doctor or nurse if you are **pregnant**, plan to become pregnant, or if you wish to **breastfeed** 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: Store at room temperature in a cool, dry place. Shake well before use.

Where do I call if I have any other questions?

Your doctor, clinic or Public Health Unit:	
Vancouver TB Services Clinic:	604-707-2692
New Westminster TB Services Clinic:	604-707-2698
BCCDC Vaccine and Pharmacy Services:	604-707-2580



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