

Oxfordshire Sexual Health Service

Important information about your metronidazole medicine

How to take your medicine

Metronidazole is an antibiotic. Take the dose as directed on the label. Swallow the tablets whole with half a large glass of water during or after meals.

Important instructions

- Do not take these tablets if you are allergic to them or any of their ingredients.
- Before you take these tablets let your doctor know if you have any other medical condition or if you are taking any other medicines (including over the counter remedies).
- Do not drink any alcohol at all while you are taking this medicine and for 48 hours after finishing it. Alcohol can react with the medicine and make you feel very ill.

Side effects

- You may experience nausea, vomiting, stomach upset and an unpleasant taste in your mouth. If you vomit (more than once or twice), please contact the clinic.
- There are other less common side effects. Please let your doctor know if you are troubled by any new symptoms or have any concerns.

Turn over

Contraception

Remember, to avoid re-infection do not have any sexual contact (even with a condom) until both you and your partner have completely finished this treatment.

If you have taken your contraceptive correctly and have no side effects while taking your antibiotics, your contraceptive pill/patch/ring will be effective after the treatment has finished. If you are ill while taking the antibiotics (vomiting or severe diarrhoea) you should use condoms in addition to your pill/patch/ring for 7 days after you have finished the antibiotics.

How to contact us

If you have any queries or concerns about your medicine, you can contact us on the following numbers:

Oxford 01865 231 231

Banbury 01865 904 500

Further information

Our website www.sexualhealthoxfordshire.nhs.uk has further information that you may find helpful.

If you have a specific requirement, need an interpreter, a document in Easy Read, another language, large print, Braille or audio version, please call **01865 221 473** or email **PALS@ouh.nhs.uk**

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