

Oxford Centre for Respiratory Medicine, Churchill Hospital

## Information about Fosfomycin

### **What is fosfomycin?**

Fosfomycin is an antibiotic which kills bacteria by interfering with the ability of the bacteria to form cell walls. The bacteria therefore break up and die.

Fosfomycin is used in infections caused by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

### **What are the possible side effects of fosfomycin?**

If you experience any of the following serious side effects, stop taking fosfomycin and seek emergency medical attention:

- Rash
- Itchy skin
- Swelling of the face, tongue or throat
- Shortness of breath
- Unusual bruising or bleeding

Other, less serious side effects may be more likely to occur. Continue to take fosfomycin and talk to the CF/ Bronchiectasis team if you experience:

- Upset stomach
- Nausea and/or vomiting
- Loss of appetite
- Unpleasant or abnormal taste

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- Diarrhoea
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Visual disturbance
- Constipation
- Insomnia.

Side effects other than those listed above may also occur. Talk to a member of the CF/Bronchiectasis team about any side effect that seems unusual or that is especially bothersome.