



ERYTHROMYCIN

Erythromycin is an effective drug used for treating infections caused by the bacteria. The drug also prevents the attacks of rheumatic fever and bacterial endocarditis.

DRUG USES

Erythromycin treats certain bacterial infections. This drug is considered effective against rheumatic fever and bacterial endocarditis.

HOW TAKEN

Erythromycin should be taken as per your doctor's prescription. The drug should be taken with food to avoid stomach upset. The drug should not be broken, crushed or chewed but should be swallowed whole. While taking Erythromycin, do not take grapefruit. For better results, the drug should be taken at the same time every day. You should not stop the medicine in the middle of the course even if you feel better.

WARNINGS/PRECAUTIONS

Before your doctor prescribes the medicine, you should have to inform him about all your medical conditions. You have to tell him if you are allergic to certain substances, food and medicine.

Better tell your physician if you have any problems of the heart, liver and kidney; irregular heartbeats; porphyria and myasthenia gravis. If you have stomach infections or diarrhea, you have to inform your doctor before he prescribes the drug.

When pregnant or hoping to conceive soon, you have to take Erythromycin only after discussing with your doctor all the possible risks and benefits of using the drug during this period. It is better not to breast feed if you are taking Erythromycin as the drug is seen in breast milk.

Certain medicines are known to interact with Erythromycin. You have to inform your doctor about all the medications that you are taking before he prescribes Erythromycin. If the drug is used for a long time, there is a possibility of a second infection. If signs of a second attack appear, you have to consult your doctor immediately so that he can alter the prescriptions.

When the drug is prescribed, your doctor would also suggest lab tests, including Kidney functions, liver functions and blood cell counts. These tests are suggested to monitor your overall health condition. You should never miss your doctor's appointment and the lab tests.

The drug is only effective against bacterial infections and does not treat infections of the virus.

MISSED DOSE

There is nothing to worry if a dose is missed. Just take the drug before the next dose. But if it is time for the next dosage, skip the missed one and continue with the regular dosage. Never mix two doses.