

Being Treated with Metronidazole (Flagyl®) for Bacterial Vaginosis

Your Medicine

- 14 to 28 capsules that are 500 mg each
or
- 28 to 56 tablets that are 250 mg each

How to Take Your Medicine

- Take one (500 mg) capsule, 2 times a day, for 7 to 14 days with food. This means take 1 capsule with breakfast and 1 capsule with dinner.
- Take two (250 mg) tablets, 2 times a day, for 7 to 14 days with food. This means take 2 tablets with breakfast and 2 tablets with dinner.

Take all of your medicine, even if you don't have symptoms.

Don't miss any doses. If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. **Don't** take 2 doses at the same time.

Is there anyone that can't take metronidazole?

Talk to a nurse or doctor **before** you take metronidazole if you've had an allergic reaction to metronidazole (Flagyl®).

If you drink alcohol while you take metronidazole, it can cause nausea and vomiting. Don't drink alcohol:

- for 24 hours before you start the medicine
- while you take the medicine
- for 24 hours after you are done the medicine

What are the side effects of the medicine?

Possible side effects may include:

- diarrhea
- upset stomach and/or nausea
- a bitter or metal taste in the mouth
- dizziness and/or feeling confused
- darker or red-brown urine or stools

If you're breastfeeding and taking metronidazole and your baby gets diarrhea, call your nurse or doctor.

Go to an emergency department or call 9-1-1 if you have:

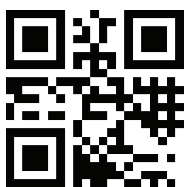
- trouble breathing or swallowing
- swelling or tingling in the mouth or on the face
- hives
- wheezing

Things to Think About

The birth control pill, patch, and ring might not work as well when you take metronidazole. Keep using your regular method of birth control and use condoms while you take the medicine and for **7 days** after you're done your medicine to help prevent pregnancy.

For More Information

- STI/HIV Information Line: 1-800-772-2437
- www.myhealth.alberta.ca
- www.sexgerms.com



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