

Being Treated with Metronidazole (Flagyl®) for Trichomoniasis

Your Medicine

- 4 tablets that are 500 mg each
or
- 8 tablets that are 250 mg each

How to Take Your Medicine

- Take all 4 tablets that are 500 mg each at the same time with food. This means you take **all** of the medicine together at one time.
- Take all 8 tablets that are 250 mg each at the same time with food. This means you take **all** of the medicine together at one 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 take the medicine
- the day you take the medicine
- for 24 hours after you take 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 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 for **7 days** after you take the medicine to help prevent pregnancy.

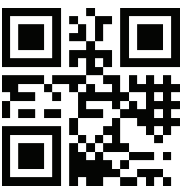
Safer Sex

It's important not to have unprotected sex (oral, vaginal, or anal sex without a condom) until you and your partner(s) are tested and for 7 days after you and your partner(s) are treated.

The best protection is **not** to have sex (oral, vaginal, or anal) for 7 days after you and your partner(s) are treated. You can get re-infected if your sexual partner(s) hasn't been treated.

For More Information

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



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