



Just the Facts...

Ciprofloxacin Deployment Medical Information Sheet

What is ciprofloxacin?

Ciprofloxacin is an antibiotic used to treat many different bacterial infections. It is also one of the medications used to prevent or treat anthrax.

How do I take ciprofloxacin?

- This medication can be taken on an empty stomach or with food.
- Do not take dairy products, antacids, iron, or calcium at the same time as the medication. If these products are used, the medication should be taken two hours before or six hours after.
- It is alright to have dairy products or juice as part of a larger meal.
- You should drink extra fluids throughout the day.
- Complete the fully prescribed amount of the medication. Not completing the treatment can result in a more serious infection or a relapse of the infection.
- The medication should be taken evenly spaced throughout the day to maintain constant levels of the medication in the body.
- Do not take this medication with caffeine.

Are there any side effects?

- This medication can cause your skin to become more sensitive in the sun. Wear sunscreen with an SPF 30 and wear clothing that will protect the skin from the sun.
- This medication can interact with many different medications. It is important to tell your health care provider the medications you are taking to include any over-the-counter or herbal products.
- This medication can increase the risk of low blood sugar in diabetic patients. It is important that diabetic patients monitor their blood sugar.

- Promptly report any new pain or tenderness in the feet, arms, or legs to your health care provider.
- This medication can cause some stomach upset, loss of appetite, nausea, or diarrhea. Sometimes taking the medication with food will help with the nausea. Usually, these symptoms will go away after a couple of days. If symptoms get worse and/or persist, notify your health care provider.

What should I do if I miss a dose?

Take this medication as prescribed by the physician. If you miss a dose, take it as soon as remembered. Do not double up the dose. You may need to add the dose to the end of the treatment.

What if I am pregnant or breast feeding?

- This medication should only be used during pregnancy if clearly needed. The risks and benefits should be discussed with your health care provider.
- This medication is excreted in the breast milk. It is not recommended to breast feed while on this medication.

Is there any reason I should not take this medication?

- Do not take this medication if you are allergic to ciprofloxacin or any other antibiotics in the same class.
- Tell your health care provider if you have kidney disease. The dose may need to be adjusted.
- Tell your health care provider if you have a history of epilepsy. This medication can increase the risk of seizures.



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