

## About your medication

Your doctor has prescribed pristinamycin to treat your infection.

## What is this medication used for?

Pristinamycin is an antibiotic. It works by killing the bacteria that causes the infection. Pristinamycin is usually used in cases when other antibiotics fail to clear the infection or when others are not suitable.

## How should I take this medication?

Take this medication with food.

The tablets are to be swallowed whole with a glass of water. If you have difficulty swallowing, you may crush the tablet in a little milk or sweet, semi-solid food such as jam.

For effective treatment, you should complete the full course of medication prescribed.

## What should I do if I forget a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose. Then take your next dose at the usual time.

Do not double the next dose to make up for the missed dose.

## What possible side effects may it cause?

Certain side effects of this medicine are not unusual and may even disappear during treatment. If any of the following effects persist or are severe, consult your doctor.

- Abdominal fullness, nausea/vomiting, diarrhoea

- Joint or muscle pain

If any of these effects occur, stop the medication and consult your doctor as soon as possible:

- Allergic reaction (itch, skin rash, difficulty breathing; swelling of your eyes, lips, tongue, or face; or hives)
- Blisters or peeling of the skin, especially around the mouth, nose, eyes and in the genital area
- Severe watery or bloody stools
- Bruising or bleeding very easily
- Fever, sore throat, mouth sores
- Looking pale
- Abrupt reduction in urine volume
- Hallucinations
- Dark urine or light coloured stools, nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, stomach pain, yellowing of your eyes or skin

## What precautions should I take?

Inform your doctor if:

- You are allergic to this medication, virginiamycin, dalfopristin-quinupristin, wheat, gluten or any of the ingredients of this medication. This medication contains wheat starch.
- You are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.
- You are taking or intend to take any other medications, especially colchicine, oral anticoagulants (warfarin) and medicines taken to suppress the immune system (ciclosporin, tacrolimus, methotrexate).

- You are taking any over-the-counter medications, supplements, traditional medications, or herbal remedies.

## How do I store this medication?

- Keep this medication away from heat and direct sunlight in a cool, dry place, out of reach of children.
- Do not keep this medication with other medications in the same container. Keep each medicine separately in labelled containers.

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*When in doubt, consult your doctor or pharmacist:*

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