

Tuberculosis (TB) Medication Identification Sheet

	Medication	# Taken
	ISONIAZID (ISOTAMINE, INH) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This medicine is used to prevent tuberculosis (TB) and treat TB disease. It can affect your liver. 	
	RIFAMPIN (ROFACT, RIFADIN, RMP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This medicine is used to prevent TB and treat TB disease. It will turn tears, sweat and urine an orange colour. If contact lenses are worn, they could get stained. It causes birth control pills to be less effective. Condoms should be used. 	
	PYRAZINAMIDE (TEBRAZID, PZA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This medicine is used to treat TB disease. It can cause pain in your joints. 	
	ETHAMBUTOL (ETIBI, EMB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This medicine is used to treat TB disease. It can affect your eyesight. You should have your vision checked by a doctor if you have been taking this medication for a long time and in high doses. 	
	Vitamins	
	PYRIDOXINE (Vitamin B6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This medicine is used to prevent damage to the nerves caused by the medicine Isoniazid. 	

Things you need to know about TB medication

Why should I take my TB medication?

- Active TB can be cured as long as you take your TB medication as prescribed. You may have to take your TB medication from six months to two years.
- You must continue taking your TB medication even if you are feeling well. Although you may be feeling well, it does not mean that the disease is gone completely.
- Take all your TB medication until your doctor or health care worker tells you to stop.
- If you stop taking your TB medication too soon, you may not be cured. The TB germs may become stronger and may develop drug resistance.

Will TB medication cause any side effects?

- Medication can sometimes cause unwanted side effects. In most cases, they are not serious. If you develop any of the side effects listed on the medication information sheets, report them to your health care worker.

For more information about TB, contact
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 1-877-464-9675 Ext. 76000,
 TTY 1-866-252-9933 or
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