



DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Division of Public Health

ANY SEXUAL PARTNER WHO HAS A HISTORY OF ALLERGY TO THIS ANTIBIOTIC OR THE PHARMACEUTICAL CLASS OF ANTIBIOTIC SHOULD NOT TAKE THIS ANTIBIOTIC AND SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY EXAMINED BY A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL

CLINDAMYCIN (for CLEOCIN) – ORAL

USES: An antibiotic used to treat a wide variety of bacterial infections.

HOW TO TAKE THIS MEDICATION: Clindamycin should be taken with food and a full glass of water or other liquid, unless your doctor directs you otherwise.

Antibiotics work best when the amount of medicine in your body is kept at a constant level. Do this by taking the medication at evenly spaced intervals throughout the day and night.

Continue to take this medication until the full prescribed amount is finished, even if symptoms disappear after a few days. Stopping the medication too early may allow bacteria to continue to grow resulting in a relapse of the infection.

SIDE EFFECTS: This medication may cause stomach upset, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, heartburn, cramps, bloating or weight loss, which should disappear in a few days as your body adjusts to the medication. If these symptoms persist or become severe, inform your prescriber.

If diarrhea becomes a problem, do not take any anti-diarrhea medications. Contact your prescriber. If rash, fever or hives occur notify your prescriber.

PRECAUTIONS: If you have had colitis or any gastrointestinal disease, liver or kidney disease, or an allergic reaction to clindamycin or tartrazine (a yellow dye), tell your prescriber before you use clindamycin.

Women who are pregnant or breast-feeding should inform their prescriber before taking this drug.

DRUG INTERACTIONS: Before you use this drug, tell your prescriber about any other drugs you are taking including nonprescription drugs.

NOTES: This medication has been prescribed for your current condition only. Do not use it later for another infection or give it to someone else. A different medication may be necessary in those cases.

MISSED DOSE: If you should miss a dose, take it as soon as remembered unless it is almost time for the next dose. If it is nearly time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and resume your usual dosing schedule. Do not "double-up" the dose.

STORAGE: Store at room temperature away from moisture sunlight. Do not store in bathroom.

If you have any further questions, please, contact a pharmacist at 1-800-797-8062.