



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

ERYTHROMYCIN – ORAL

USES: Erythromycin is an antibiotic used to treat a wide variety of bacterial infections, such as respiratory tract infections, middle ear infections, and skin infections.

HOW TO TAKE THIS MEDICATION: Swallow medication whole to prevent stomach upset. May be taken with food or milk if stomach upset does occur.

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: May cause stomach upset, diarrhea, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting and stomach cramps the first few these symptoms persist or become severe, inform your prescriber.

Use of this medication for prolonged or repeated periods may result in a secondary infection (e.g., oral, bladder or vaginal yeast infection)

PRECAUTIONS: Tell your prescriber if you have other illnesses or any allergies, especially allergies to drugs.

If you have had liver disease or jaundice (yellowing of the skin or eyes), tell your prescriber before you take this drug.

This drug should be used only if clearly needed during pregnancy. Small amounts of drug appear in breast milk. Consult your prescriber before breast-feeding.

DRUG INTERACTIONS: Tell your prescriber what medications you take, especially carbamazepine, cyclosporine, theophylline, triazolam, warfarin, terfenadine, astemizole, felodipine (a calcium channel blocker), cisapride or birth control pills.

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.

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 and sunlight. Do not store in the bathroom. If you have any further questions, please, call a pharmacist at 1-800-797-8062.



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