



# **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**

### **LEVAQUIN (LEVOFLOXACIN)**

**USES** This medication is an antibiotic used to treat a wide variety of bacterial infections including urinary tract infections, skin infections or respiratory tract infections.

**HOW TO USE** Take by mouth, usually once daily or as directed. May take with or without food. Drink plenty of water. If you take any of the following items, take them 2 hours before or 2 hours after taking this drug: Zinc, iron, Sucralfate, or antacids that contain magnesium or aluminum. Antibiotics work best when the amount of medicine in your body is kept at a constant level. Do this by taking the medication at the same time of day or night. Continue to take this medication until the full-prescribed amount is finished even if the 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 loss of appetite, trouble sleeping, diarrhea, nausea, headache or dizziness during the first few days as your body adjusts to the medication. If these symptoms persist or become severe, inform your doctor. Very unlikely but report promptly: muscle pain, tenderness in the arms or legs, vaginal discomfort, abdominal pain, vision changes, seizures, confusion, drowsiness, mental/mood changes, irregular heartbeat, restlessness. Notify your doctor immediately if an allergic reaction to this medication occurs. Symptoms of an allergic reaction include: difficulty breathing, skin rash, hives or itching. If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

**PRECAUTIONS:** Use caution driving or performing tasks requiring alertness if this medication makes you dizzy, lightheaded or drowsy. Limit alcohol intake. Because this medication may make you more sensitive to the sun, avoid prolonged sun exposure, Wear protective clothing and use a sunscreen when outdoors. Caution is advised when this drug is used in children under 18 years of age. This medication should be used only when clearly needed during pregnancy. This drug is excreted into breast milk. You may have to stop nursing or stop using this drug. Consult your doctor if you are pregnant or breast-feeding.

**DRUG INTERACTIONS:** Before taking this drug, tell your doctor of all over the counter or prescription drugs you may take especially of Theophylline, other antibiotics, anticoagulants (blood thinners), NSAID (e.g. ibuprofen, aspirin), antacids, Sucralfate, iron, zinc, diabetes medication, live vaccines, Quinapril.

**OVERDOSE:** If overdose is suspected, contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately.

**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 between 59 and 86 degrees F (15-30 C). Keep away from moisture or sunlight. Do not store in bathroom, keep container closed tightly.

If you have any questions, call the pharmacist at 1 800 797 8062



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