

Flagyl®S

(flaj-ill)

Metronidazole benzoate (met-ro(h)-nide-ah-zole benz-o(h)-ate) 200 mg/5 mL oral suspension

Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using Flagyl S.

You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using Flagyl S.

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1. Why am I using Flagyl S?

Flagyl S contains the active ingredient metronidazole benzoate (liquid). Flagyl S is an antibiotic that belongs to a group of medicines called nitroimidazoles.

Flagyl S is used to treat certain infections caused by bacteria and other organisms in different parts of the body.

It is also used to prevent or treat certain infections that may occur during surgery.

This medicine works by killing or stopping the growth of bacteria and other organisms causing these infections.

Your doctor may have prescribed Flagyl S for another reason.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why Flagyl S has been prescribed for you.

This medicine is available only with a doctor's prescription.

There is no evidence that this medicine is addictive.

2. What should I know before I use Flagyl S?

Warnings

Do not use Flagyl S if:

- you are allergic to metronidazole or any other nitroimidazoles, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.
- you have evidence of, or have a history of, a blood disorder.
- you have, or have ever had, a disease of the brain, spinal cord or nerves.
- the expiry date on the pack has passed. If you use this medicine after the expiry date has passed it may have no effect at all, or worse, an entirely different effect.
- the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

Check with your doctor if you:

- have any allergies to any other medicines or any other substances such as foods, preservatives or dyes.

- have or have ever had any health problems/ medical conditions including:
 - a blood disorder
 - disease of the brain, spinal cord or nerves
 - liver or kidney disease
 - an inflammatory disease of the small intestine (e.g., Crohn's disease)
 - Cockayne syndrome
- drink alcohol. Do not drink alcohol during (and for 24 hours after stopping) treatment with Flagyl S.

If you have not told your doctor or pharmacist about any of the above, tell them before you start using Flagyl S.

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section 6. Are there any side effects?

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy

without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines may interfere with Flagyl S and affect how well it works. These include:

- warfarin or other medicines used to prevent blood clots
- Antabuse® (disulfiram), a medicine used to treat chronic alcohol dependence
- Medications containing alcohol (ethanol), e.g., some cough syrups
- some anticancer drugs, such as carmustine, cyclophosphamide monohydrate, 5-fluorouracil or busulfan
- phenytoin, a drug used to treat convulsions
- phenobarbital (phenobarbitone), a medicine for convulsions or sedation
- cimetidine, a medicine used to treat gastric reflux and ulcers
- lithium, a medicine used to treat manic depressive illness and some other types of depression
- cyclosporin, a medicine used to prevent organ transplant rejection or to treat immune responses

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect Flagyl S.

You may need different amounts of your medicine or you may need to take different medicines. Your doctor will advise you.

Your doctor and pharmacist may have more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while taking Flagyl S.