

MYCOPHENOLIC ACID ARX

mycophenolic acid (as sodium) enteric coated tablets

Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using MYCOPHENOLIC ACID ARX.

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 MYCOPHENOLIC ACID ARX.

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1. Why am I using MYCOPHENOLIC ACID ARX?

MYCOPHENOLIC ACID ARX contains the active ingredient mycophenolic acid. It belongs to a group of medicines called immunosuppressive. These medicines work by stopping your immune system from rejecting the transplanted organ.

MYCOPHENOLIC ACID ARX is used for people who have had a kidney transplant, to prevent the body from rejecting the new kidney.

MYCOPHENOLIC ACID ARX is used for people who have inflammatory kidney disease associated with a chronic autoimmune disorder known as systemic lupus erythematosus (also called lupus or SLE).

MYCOPHENOLIC ACID is used in combination with other medicines.

2. What should I know before I use MYCOPHENOLIC ACID ARX?

Warnings

Do not use MYCOPHENOLIC ACID ARX if:

- you are allergic to mycophenolic acid, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.
- Symptoms of allergic reaction include:
 - Shortness of breath;
 - Wheezing or difficulty breathing or faintness;
 - Swelling of face, lips, tongue, or other parts of the body;
 - Rash, itching, hives on the skin

Check with your doctor if you:

- have any other medical conditions
- take any medicines for any other condition

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor 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.

Use of MYCOPHENOLIC ACID ARX in pregnancy causes a very high frequency of loss of pregnancy (miscarriage) and of severe birth defects in the unborn baby.

Do not take MYCOPHENOLIC ACID ARX if you are not using effective contraception.

Your doctor should advise you about contraception before you start taking MYCOPHENOLIC ACID ARX. Reliable contraception must be used before starting MYCOPHENOLIC ACID ARX.

MYCOPHENOLIC ACID ARX may reduce blood levels of the hormones in oral contraceptive pills and could theoretically reduce their effectiveness. Use of two methods of contraception is advised. The two methods can be a double barrier method or a barrier method plus a hormonal method.

Adequate barrier methods of contraception include diaphragm, condom (by the partner), intrauterine device, sponge, or spermicide.

Do not take MYCOPHENOLIC ACID ARX if you are breastfeeding during treatment with MYCOPHENOLIC ACID ARX. This is because small amounts of the medicine can pass into the mother's milk.

Sexually active men are recommended to use condoms during treatment and for total of 13 weeks after their last dose of Mycophenolate sodium. Condom use applies for both reproductively for competent and vasectomized men, because the risks associated with the transfer of seminal fluids also apply to men who have had a vasectomy.

In addition, female partners of male patients are recommended to use highly effective contraception during treatment and for a total of 13 week after the last dose of Mycophenolate sodium.