

METRONIDAZOLE NORIDEM

Metronidazole

Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using METRONIDAZOLE NORIDEM. **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 METRONIDAZOLE NORIDEM.**

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1. Why am I being given METRONIDAZOLE NORIDEM?

METRONIDAZOLE NORIDEM contains the active ingredient Metronidazole.

METRONIDAZOLE NORIDEM is used to treat serious infections caused by bacteria and other organisms when metronidazole cannot be given orally. It is also used to prevent certain infections that may occur during surgery.

METRONIDAZOLE NORIDEM is an antibiotic which works by killing or stopping the growth of bacteria and other organisms causing these infections.

2. What should I know before I am given METRONIDAZOLE NORIDEM?

Warnings

Do not use METRONIDAZOLE NORIDEM if:

- You are allergic to metronidazole, 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 an allergic reaction may include shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing, swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body, rash, itching or hives.
- you have or have had a blood disorder
- you have a disease or disorder involving the brain, spinal cord or nerves
- you have taken disulfiram (a medicine used to treat chronic alcohol dependence) within the last two weeks
- you have drunk any alcohol or products containing propylene glycol
- you have Cockayne syndrome

If you are not sure whether you should be given this medicine, talk to your doctor.

Check with your doctor if you

- have had any of the following medical conditions:
 - blood disease or history of blood disease
 - disease or disorder involving the brain, spinal cord or nerves

- liver disease or any liver problems
- heart disease or any heart problems
- any kidney problems
- Crohn's disease, an inflammatory disease of the intestines

- drink alcohol. Do not drink alcohol during (and for 3 days after stopping) treatment with metronidazole
- if you are on a low sodium diet

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.

Metronidazole may affect your developing baby if you use it during pregnancy.

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

Metronidazole passes into breast milk and may affect your baby.

If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell your doctor before you are given METRONIDAZOLE NORIDEM