

or not, without first telling your doctor or pharmacist.

Things to be careful of

Oral contraceptives may be affected by Mycobutin. Discuss with your doctor about using a different means of birth control during treatment with Mycobutin.

Contact lenses may be permanently stained. Therefore, it is better not to wear contact lenses, particularly soft contact lenses, during a treatment course of Mycobutin.

Side effects

Mycobutin, like all other medicines, may cause unwanted side effects. These are usually mild and disappear when you have completed the course.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well after taking Mycobutin.

You may need medical treatment if you get certain side effects.

Mycobutin is generally given together with other medications, so it is not always easy to identify which medicine may be causing the side effects that you may experience.

Common side effects reported are:

- nausea or vomiting
- jaundice (yellowing of the skin)
- pain in joints and muscles
- skin rash
- fever

Less common side effects are:

- allergic reactions causing problems with breathing, or shock
- skin discolouration

Mycobutin, particularly when used with some other medicines, has been associated with mild to severe inner eye inflammation (uveitis). Tell your doctor as soon as possible if you get red sore eyes after taking Mycobutin.

Mycobutin can also cause changes in the levels of certain chemicals in your blood and can also increase or decrease the levels of red or white cells or platelets in your blood.

Tell your doctor if you have signs of anaemia (tiredness or pale complexion) or unexpected bleeding or bruising.

Tell your doctor immediately or go to the nearest hospital if you experience diarrhoea during your treatment with Mycobutin.

Tell your doctor immediately or go to the nearest hospital if you have moderate or severe skin rash or blisters often with flu-like symptoms.

Other side effects not listed above may happen in some people.

Tell your doctor as soon as possible if you experience any side effects, including any effects not listed above.

After taking Mycobutin

Tell your doctor immediately if you notice watery and severe diarrhoea which may be bloody, particularly if they occur several weeks after stopping Mycobutin.

These are rare but serious side effects. You may need urgent medical attention.

Mycobutin can cause certain bacteria (that are normally harmless and present in the bowel) to multiply

Storage

Keep your capsules in their original packaging, including outer carton, until it is time to take them.

If you take the medicine out of the pack, it may not keep well.

Keep Mycobutin in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C.

Do not store Mycobutin or any other medicines in a bathroom or near a sink.

Do not leave it in the car or on window sills.

Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

Keep Mycobutin where children cannot reach it.

A locked cupboard at least one-and-a-half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

Disposal

If your doctor tells you to stop taking Mycobutin or the medicine has passed its expiry date, ask your pharmacist what to do with any that is left over.

Product Description

What Mycobutin looks like

Mycobutin capsules are opaque and red-brown in colour with the words "Pharmacia & Upjohn" and "Mycobutin" printed on them in white ink. They are supplied in blister packs of 30 capsules

Identification

Mycobutin can be identified by an Australian Register Number which is found on the carton:

AUST R 55038.

Ingredients

Each capsule contains 150 mg rifabutin as the active ingredient. Other ingredients (mainly as filling agents) are:

- microcrystalline cellulose
- sodium lauryl sulfate
- magnesium stearate
- silicon dioxide
- gelatin

The colorants in the capsule are

- red iron oxide
- titanium dioxide

White printing ink is used on the capsules.

Supplier

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