



# Ciprofloxacin



You are being given this medicine because you may have been exposed to Anthrax. You will need to take this medicine for 60 days. You will be told how to get more medicine if it is needed.

## Dosing Information

- Take the medicine every 12 hours or as directed.
- **Do not take antacids** such as Tums, Rolaids or milk of magnesia 2 hours before taking this medicine. Also, wait 2 hours after taking the medicine before you take any antacids. Antacids can lessen how well the medicine works.
- Take the medicine with a full glass of water.
- If you miss a dose, take the missed dose right away. If it is almost time to take your next dose, wait until then to take your medicine and skip the missed dose. Do not take two doses at the same time.
- You must keep taking your medicine for the full 60 days. You may become ill if you do not finish all your medicine.

## Side Effects

- This medicine can cause upset stomach, vomiting, diarrhea, headaches, dizziness, or restlessness, but **you need to keep taking this medicine if any of these occur.**
- **Call your doctor right away** if you have:
  - trouble breathing
  - swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat
  - if you have a skin rash with mouth blisters
  - shortness of breath

## Interactions

- If you take warfarin (Coumadin), phenytoin (Dilantin), digoxin, theophylline, Requip, cyclosporine or probenecid, **call 211 or call your doctor and tell them that you are taking Ciprofloxacin.** These medicines can cause problems if taken while taking Ciprofloxacin.
- Do not use any herbs, especially St. John's Wort and Dong Quai while taking this medicine.
- If you are on kidney dialysis, tell your center that you are taking Ciprofloxacin.