



# Ivermectin

## Patient information

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UMRN:

Family name:

Given name:

Medicine name	Strength	Example of brand	Dose directions

## Why do I need to take ivermectin?

Your blood test has shown that you have an infection with a parasite called strongyloides. This is a worm that can live in the human body for many years without causing symptoms. If not treated, the parasite can cause a very serious infection. We usually treat the infection with ivermectin.

**IMPORTANT: Do not take this medication if you are pregnant.**

Please tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning a pregnancy or breastfeeding.

You may require a blood test 6 months after treatment to ensure the infection has been successfully treated.

## How do I take ivermectin?

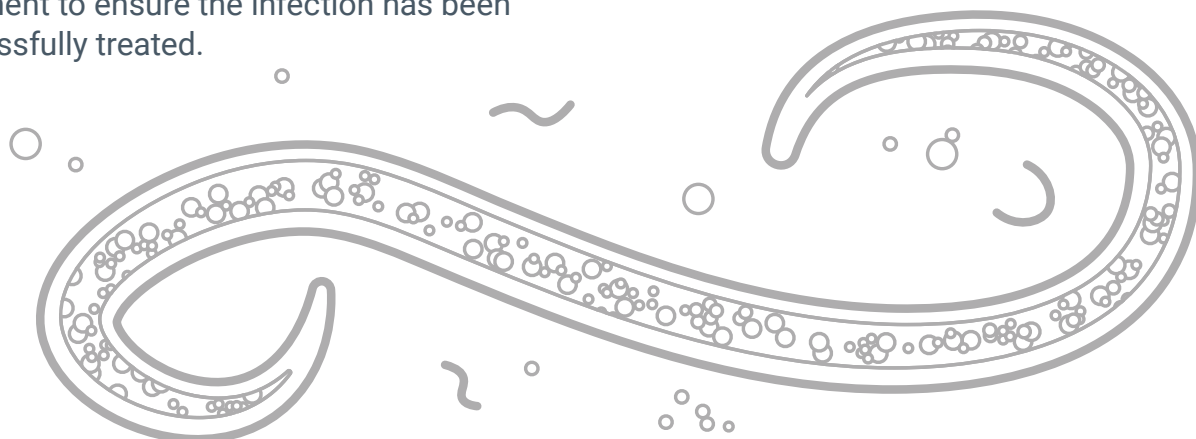
The dose you need will be calculated based on your weight and may differ from other family members.

Depending on your blood test results and other medical problems, you may require 1, 2 or 4 doses. Most people with strongyloides infection confirmed on a blood test will need to take two doses of the medicine 14 days apart.

The medicine should be taken with food. Do not chew the medication.

Do not drink grapefruit juice when you are taking this medicine.

If you vomit soon after you take the medication please tell your doctor, as the dose may need to be repeated.



## Are there any side effects?

Side effects of this medication may include:

- Stomach discomfort
- Dizziness
- Headache and diarrhoea.

The side effects are usually mild and should go away after a few days. Tell your doctor if these symptoms do not go away.

More information is available for this medicine in the form of Consumer Medicines Information (CMI). CMIs are available from hospitals, pharmacies and medical practices and from the Therapeutic Goods Administration website ([www.tga.gov.au/consumer-medicines-information-cmi](http://www.tga.gov.au/consumer-medicines-information-cmi)). The CMI contains important information about your medicine and must be read in conjunction with this leaflet.

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