



# Isoniazid and rifapentine

You are about to start a course of treatment for latent tuberculosis (TB) infection (LTBI). This is called preventative treatment.

You do not have TB disease and cannot spread TB to others.

If taken correctly, isoniazid and rifapentine can reduce your risk of developing TB disease.

You will be allocated a TB case manager (nurse) from the Anita Clayton Centre who will help monitor your treatment.

## Remember to attend your weekly appointments

You will need to attend the clinic weekly to take your medicine. This is called directly observed therapy (DOT).

DOT will assist you in several ways.

- Ensure you take your medications correctly.
- The TB case manager will make sure you are not having problems with the medicine.
- The TB case manager will answer any questions or concerns you may have.

## While on this medication

- Talk to your TB doctor or case manager if you have questions or concerns with the medicine.
- Attend all scheduled appointments.
- Avoid drinking alcohol as it may cause side effects
- Inform your other doctors that you are being treated for LTBI using this medicine.
- Take this medicine with food.
- Notify your case manager if you become pregnant while on this medication.

## Watch for side effects

Contact your case manager right away if you experience any of the following:

- Decreased appetite
- An upset stomach or stomach cramps
- Fever
- Head or body aches
- Nausea or vomiting
- Teacoloured urine or light stools
- Easy bruising or bleeding
- Rash or itching.
- Yellowing of skin or eyes
- Severe weakness or tiredness
- Tingling or numbness in your hands or feet.

**Note:** It is normal for your urine, saliva or tears to become orange coloured. Soft contact lenses may also become stained and it is advisable to avoid wearing them while taking the medicine.

## Please turn this page over for your medication schedule.

**All medicine for TB treatment is supplied free of charge from the TB clinic.**



## Latent TB medication schedule

(Providers: Indicate the appropriate day and number of pills)

Medicine	Schedule	Day	Number of pills per day	Length of time
Isoniazid and rifapentine	Once a week	M T W Th F S Sun		12 weeks
<b>Other instructions</b>				

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