



One-Month Treatment for Latent Tuberculosis Infection: Isoniazid and Rifapentine Information for Patients

The one-month treatment regimen for latent tuberculosis (TB) infection consists of two medicines — **isoniazid** and **rifapentine** — which come in separate pills taken together.

- Take pills orally (by mouth) every day for 28 days.
- Take four to six pills per day, depending on your prescribed dose.
- Take all pills at the same time every day with food.

Who cannot take isoniazid and rifapentine?

Your health care provider will let you know if you can take isoniazid and rifapentine. You will not be able to take these medicines if you:

- Are younger than age 13 or weigh less than 66 pounds (30 kilograms)
- Are currently receiving highly active antiretroviral therapy for HIV
- Are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding
- Have confirmed or suspected active TB disease

What if I am taking other medicines or receiving treatment for other conditions?

Tell your provider if you:

- Are taking any other medicines, including herbal medicines, over-the-counter (nonprescription) medicines, vitamins, and birth control
- Have any other diseases or conditions or are receiving treatment for any other diseases or conditions

What else should I know about isoniazid and rifapentine?

- Do **not** take any medicines that contain acetaminophen (Tylenol) or drink alcohol while taking isoniazid and rifapentine.
- Rifapentine may contain small amounts of impurities called nitrosamines, which are often found in water and food. However, the benefits of taking rifapentine are greater than the risks that may be posed by these impurities.
- Talk to your provider if you have any concerns about taking isoniazid and rifapentine.

What are the side effects of isoniazid and rifapentine?

If you have any of these side effects, contact your provider:

- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Fatigue (feeling tired)
- Skin rash
- Loss of appetite
- Muscle or joint pain
- Fever
- Red tears, sweat, or urine
- Stomach pain or discomfort
- Low blood cell counts
- Elevated liver function tests

Where can I get more information?

Call the TB Chest Center where you are receiving care:

- **Corona:** 718-396-5134
- **Morrisania:** 718-838-6876
- **Fort Greene:** 718-249-1468

For more information about TB, visit nyc.gov/health/tb.

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