

# What is most important to remember?

- Take nitrofurantoin (Macrobid®) as directed at the same times each day, at evenly spaced intervals.
- Take this medicine until it is finished even if you are feeling better
- Do not start any new medicines, over-the-counter drugs or herbal remedies without talking to your doctor
- Tell all doctors, dentists and pharmacists that you are using nitrofurantoin (Macrobid®)
- This medicine will not treat a viral infection such as the common cold or flu

## If you have questions:

Ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist for more information about nitrofurantoin (Macrobid®).

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## Nitrofurantoin (Macrobid®): Important Patient Information



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### What does nitrofurantoin (Macrobid®) do?

- It is an antibiotic used to treat bladder infections

### How should nitrofurantoin (Macrobid®) be used?

- Use the medicine as directed by your doctor
- Take at the same time each day, at evenly spaced intervals. To gain the most benefit, do not miss doses of this medicine
- Take until you finish the medicine, even if you are feeling better
- Take with food

### Who should know I am taking nitrofurantoin (Macrobid®)?

- Keep a list of all your medicines (prescription, natural products, supplements, vitamins, over-the-counter) and give it to your healthcare provider (doctor, nurse, nurse practitioner, pharmacist, or physician assistant)

### If you have any of the following side effects, call your doctor or visit the emergency room immediately:

- Signs of an allergic reaction, like rash; hives; red, swollen, blistered or peeling skin with or without fever
- Difficulty breathing or talking
- Tightness in the chest or throat
- Severe nausea or vomiting
- Numbness or tingling in hands or feet
- Severe diarrhea
- Chest pain or pressure
- Itching or rash
- Swelling of face, lips or throat
- Feeling very tired or weak
- Yellow skin or eyes
- Severe cough that does not go away

### What side effects could occur with nitrofurantoin (Macrobid®)?

- Headache
- Change in color of urine to black, brown, or yellow
- Upset stomach or throwing up
- Rarely, this medicine can cause lung damage

### What should I do if I miss a dose of nitrofurantoin (Macrobid®)?

- Take the missed dose as soon as you think about it
- If it is almost time for your next dose skip the missed dose and go back to your normal dose time
- Do not take 2 doses at the same time or extra doses

### What are some things that I need to be aware of when taking nitrofurantoin (Macrobid®)?

- Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are allergic to nitrofurantoin, or any other medicines, foods, or other substances
- Before using this medicine, tell your doctor your medical history, especially if this medicine has caused liver problems in your past, you have kidney disease, or are more than 38 weeks pregnant
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, plan on getting pregnant or you are breast-feeding. You will need to talk with your doctor about the benefits and risks of using this medicine while pregnant
- Avoid alcohol intake (wine, beer, and mixed drinks) with nitrofurantoin use
- Be careful if you have G6PD deficiency. Anemia may happen
- Store nitrofurantoin in a cool, dry place. Do not keep it in the bathroom
- Keep out of reach of children and pets

### Are there any interactions with other drugs that I need to worry about?

- There are many drug interactions that may increase your risk of side effects
- Do not start new prescriptions, over-the-counter medicines, or herbal and dietary supplements without telling your doctor