

What is most important to remember?

- Take moxifloxacin (Avelox®) as directed at the same times each day, at evenly spaced intervals
- Take until you finish the medicine, 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 moxifloxacin (Avelox®)
- Contact your prescriber if you experience joint, muscle or tendon pain or swelling, or intolerable side effects
- 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 moxifloxacin (Avelox®).

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Moxifloxacin (Avelox®): Important Patient Information





What does moxifloxacin (Avelox®) do?

- It is an antibiotic used to treat bacterial infections

How should moxifloxacin (Avelox®) 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 or without food. Take with food if it causes an upset stomach
- Swallow tablet whole. Do not chew, break, or crush
- Take with a full glass of water (8 oz.). Drink extra water while taking this medicine unless otherwise directed by your doctor

Who should know I am taking moxifloxacin (Avelox®)?

- 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)

What side effects could occur with moxifloxacin (Avelox®)?

- Headache, dizziness, blurred vision, or a change in thinking clearly
- Upset stomach, diarrhea, throwing up
- Feeling nervous, agitated or anxious
- Difficulty sleeping

What should I do if I forget to take a dose of moxifloxacin (Avelox®)?

- 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

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 prescription, over-the-counter medicines, or herbal and dietary supplements without telling your doctor

What are some things that I need to be aware of when taking moxifloxacin (Avelox®)?

- Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are allergic to moxifloxacin, any other medicines, foods, or other substances
 - Tell your doctor if you or anyone in your family has or has ever had a prolonged QT interval, seizures, or liver disease
 - Moxifloxacin may increase your risk of tendinitis or tendon rupture. Talk with your doctor
 - Tell your doctor if you plan on getting pregnant or are breastfeeding. You should not breast feed while using this medicine
 - If you are taking a blood thinner, you may need to have your blood work checked more frequently while taking this medicine. Talk with your doctor
 - Do not take with milk or other dairy products, antacids, vitamins or mineral supplements. You should avoid eating or drinking these products 8 hours before or 4 hours after you take moxifloxacin, since they may make your medicine less effective
 - Moxifloxacin can make you dizzy. Avoid driving or operating heavy machinery until you know how this medicine affects you
 - Avoid or limit alcohol (including beer, wine or liquor) as it can make these effects worse
 - You may get sunburned more easily; it is best to avoid sun, sunlamps, and tanning beds. Use sunscreen and wear clothing and eyewear that protects you from the sun
 - Store at room temperature in a cool, dry place. Do not store in the bathroom
 - Keep out of reach of children and pets
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If you have any of the following side effects, call your doctor or visit the emergency room immediately:

- Difficulty breathing
- Swelling of face, lips, tongue or throat
- Itching or rash
- Severe dizziness or fainting
- Fast or pounding heartbeats
- Unusual bleeding or bruising
- Severe headache
- Pain, snapping or popping sound, bruising, swelling or loss of movement in any of your joints
- Ringing in the ears
- Seizures or convulsions
- Pale or yellow skin
- Bloody or watery diarrhea