

What is most important to remember?

- Take ciprofloxacin (Cipro®) 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 ciprofloxacin (Cipro®)
- 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 ciprofloxacin (Cipro®).

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Ciprofloxacin (Cipro®): Important Patient Information



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What does ciprofloxacin (Cipro®) do?

- It is an antibiotic used to treat a number of bacterial infections

How should ciprofloxacin (Cipro®) be used?

- Use this medicine as directed by your doctor
- Take this medicine at the same time each day at evenly spaced intervals. To gain the most benefit, do not miss doses of this medicine
- Take with or without food. Take with food if it causes an upset stomach
- Take ciprofloxacin with a full glass of water (8 oz). Drink extra water while taking this medication unless otherwise directed by your doctor
- Do not take with dairy products like milk or yogurt, antacids, or vitamin or mineral supplements

Who should know I am taking ciprofloxacin (Cipro®)?

- 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 ciprofloxacin (Cipro®)?

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

What should I do if I forget to take ciprofloxacin (Cipro®)?

- 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 continue 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 ciprofloxacin (Cipro®)?

- Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are allergic to ciprofloxacin any other quinolone or if you are allergic to 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
- Ciprofloxacin increases the risk of tendinitis or tendon rupture. Talk with your doctor
- Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking: lomitapide, pifenidone, pomalidomide, or tizanidine.
- Tell your doctor if you plan on getting pregnant or you are breast feeding. 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, vitamin or mineral supplements. You should avoid eating or drinking these products 6 hours before or 2 hours after you take your ciprofloxacin, since they may make your medicine less effective
- This medicine may make you dizzy or sleepy. Avoid driving or operating heavy machinery until you know how this medicine affects you. Avoid or limit alcohol consumption as it can make these effects worse
- Avoid caffeine (coffee, sodas, and chocolate) while taking ciprofloxacin because it can cause nervousness, shakiness, and a fast heartbeat
- You may get sunburned more easily. Avoid tanning beds and sunlight and use sunscreen and protective clothing when you go outside.
- Store in a cool, dry place. Do not store in the bathroom

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
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