

## What is most important to remember?

- Take clindamycin (Cleocin®) 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 clindamycin (Cleocin®)
- Contact your doctor if you experience stomach pain or cramps, very loose watery stools or bloody stools
- 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 clindamycin (Cleocin®).

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### Clindamycin (Cleocin®): Important Patient Information

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### What does clindamycin (Cleocin®) do?

- It is an antibiotic used to treat bacterial infections

### How should clindamycin (Cleocin®) 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
- Take with a full glass of water so that the medicine will not irritate your throat

### Who should know I am taking clindamycin (Cleocin®)?

- 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 clindamycin (Cleocin®)?

- Upset stomach, diarrhea, throwing up
- Belly pain
- Diarrhea
- For women, vaginal yeast infection. Report itching or discharge to your doctor


### What should I do if I forget to take clindamycin (Cleocin®)?

- 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 clindamycin (Cleocin®)?

- Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are allergic to clindamycin, or any other medicines, foods, or other substances
  - Before using clindamycin, tell your doctor if you have kidney disease, an intestinal disorder such as colitis or Crohn's disease or a history of asthma, eczema, or allergic reaction
  - If you have liver problems or have had severe diarrhea in the past, talk to your doctor before taking clindamycin
  - Tell your doctor or pharmacist what medications you are taking or plan to take. Be sure to mention erythromycin (E.E.S., E-Mycin, ErPed, Ery-Tab, Erythrocin). Your doctor may need to change the dose of your medicine or monitor you carefully for side effects
  - Birth control pills may not work as well to prevent pregnancy. Use some other kind of birth control like condoms while taking this medicine. Talk with your doctor
  - Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, plan to become pregnant during treatment or if you are breastfeeding
  - It is best to avoid alcoholic drinks while on this medicine (wine, beer, and mixed drinks)
  - 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:

- Severe diarrhea
- If you have diarrhea that is watery or bloody, stop taking clindamycin and call your doctor
- Joint pain or swelling
- Yellow skin or eyes
- Any sign of a severe allergic reaction including itching, rash, trouble breathing, swelling of face, lips, tongue, or throat
- Red, swollen, blistered, or peeling skin; red irritated eyes, sores in mouth, throat, nose, or eyes