

► ***Your medication***



Erythromycin (E-mycin, Ilosone)

Why do I need this medicine?

You need this medicine to help your body **fight an infection**. Your infection is caused by bacteria. Your doctor may want you to take Erythromycin as a pill or as a liquid you drink.

How do I take this medicine?

1. Take this medicine until it is all gone, if you begin to feel better after a few days.
2. Take Erythromycin with a full glass of water. Take it with **food or milk** if you get an upset stomach.
3. If you take the liquid, **shake** the bottle well before using. Keep this liquid in the refrigerator. Throw away any left over liquid after the date written on the bottle.

What common side effects may I have?

This medicine may cause you to have:

- upset stomach with cramping
- nausea and vomiting
- diarrhea

If they last longer than 2 days, call your doctor.

What special things do I need to know?

1. Tell your doctor if you are taking any of these medicines:
 - Theophylline (Theo-dur)
 - Carbamazapine (Tegretol)
 - Warfarin (Coumadin)
2. Tell your doctor if you are **allergic to any medicine**.

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3. **Do not share** this medicine with anyone.
4. Make sure to **keep your appointments** for doctor visits and blood tests.
5. Keep all medicine out of the reach of children. Even a small amount of this medicine may make a child very sick or cause death. Keep all your medicines in a safe place where children cannot get them.
6. If you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or are breast-feeding, tell your doctor **before** taking this medicine. **This medicine may have harmful effects on unborn babies.** If you are not using birth control, be sure and tell your doctor.
7. All medicines can cause side effects. Usually, these side effects will get better after a few days. If they do not, you should tell your doctor. The doctor can make some changes in the medicine. **Do not** stop taking the medicine unless the doctor tells you. Side effects **do not** mean that you are allergic to the medicine.