

# Medication Information

## Isoniazid

(Eye – soe – nye – a – zid)

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### Other names for this medication

Isotamine<sup>®</sup>

There are many other names for this medication.

### How this medication is used

This medication is used to get rid of the bacteria that causes tuberculosis or TB. It may be used with other medication to treat TB. You may need to take this medication for up to 2 years.

### How to take this medication

Take this medication exactly as directed by your doctor.

It must be taken regularly, even if you feel well. Do not stop taking this medication without checking with your doctor first.

Tell your doctor about any medications you take, even the ones you buy without a prescription.

Isoniazid should be taken on an empty stomach. However, if it upsets your stomach, take it with food.

Avoid taking antacids with aluminum in them for at least 1 hour after you take this medication.

You can take the total daily dose all at once or split it up during the day.

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## **How to take this medication (continued)**

If you miss a dose of this medication, take it as soon as possible. You can take 2 doses at one time.

Keep all clinic appointments so your response to the medication and any side effects can be checked. Schedule visits to a lab to have your blood tested as directed by your doctor.

Your doctor may order a vitamin to be taken with this medication.

Some types of cheese, fish and alcohol may cause unusual sweating or lightheadedness with combined with this medication. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

## **While taking this medication you may notice**

- diarrhea

## **Contact your doctor if you notice**

- loss of appetite
- nausea or vomiting
- abdominal pain
- yellow eyes, skin, or dark urine
- tingling, burning or numbness in your hands or feet
- skin rash
- signs of infection such as fever, chills, sore throat
- unusual weakness, fatigue
- changes in your vision such as blurred vision, not able to see
- eye pain