

VANCOMYCIN

Dear @Name@,

Your healthcare team has discussed the following subject with you: vancomycin. The brand name is Vancocin. Here is some additional information. Let us know if you have any questions regarding this information.

How it works: This medication belongs to a class of drugs called antibiotics. Antibiotics are mostly used to treat infections inside the body (such as clostridium difficile (C. Diff)) but can be used to reduce irritation and inflammation in the intestines.

How it is taken: This medication is usually given as a pill or liquid, but can sometimes be given as an intravenous infusion.

Common side effects: Antibiotics are generally well tolerated by the body, but may cause side effects such as fever, nausea, vomiting, rash/hives, increased flatulence, dizziness, and ringing in ears or vertigo.

Special considerations: This medication may cause a redness of the skin and itching on the face, neck, and upper body. It can also cause damage to your hearing if taken at high doses for an extended period of time.

Monitoring: If this antibiotic is given through an IV, the drug level may be monitored. In addition, your white blood cell count may be checked if on prolonged therapy. Finally, you may be referred to an audiologist for monitoring if on prolonged therapy.

Points to remember: Before taking these medications, let your healthcare team know about other medical conditions that you may have or other medications (even over-the-counter medications or complementary therapies) you may be taking.

Other tips: The best way to control your disease is by taking your medication as directed. Even when you do not have any symptoms, it is very important to continue taking your medication to prevent your disease from becoming active again. Do not alter the amount of the medication or how frequently you take it on your own. If you have any side effects or you continue to have symptoms, speak to your healthcare team immediately.

For further information, please check out <http://www.ibdmedicationguide.org/> or follow this link:

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