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## CLOFAZIMINE

Clofazimine is an antibiotic used to treat tuberculosis (TB), leprosy, and other related infections.

### When should I take this?

- Take with food or milk to help with absorption and to reduce stomach upset.
- Take this medicine at the same time every day. This will help you remember to take the medicine.

### How should I take this?

- It is very important that you take clofazimine regularly.
- Take as directed by your doctor.

### What should I do if I miss a dose?

- If you miss a dose, take that dose as soon as you remember. But if it is almost time for the next day's dose, skip the missed dose.
- **Do not take a double dose.**

Tell your doctor, nurse and pharmacist if you are **taking any other medicines**, including any over-the-counter (non-prescription) products.

Avoid excessive **exposure to sunlight** or artificial UV light (e.g. sunlamps or tanning beds) while taking this medication. Clofazimine can make you more sensitive to the sun. Use sunscreen and wear protective clothing.

### What are some possible side effects?

- nausea, vomiting and diarrhea
- dizziness or drowsiness
- dry skin or dry eyes
- itching

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**Caution: Call your doctor or nurse immediately if you experience the following symptoms:**

- unusual tiredness or weakness
- persistent nausea or vomiting
- yellowing of skin or eyes (may be orange if already have red to brownish black discoloration)
- severe abdominal or stomach pain
- bloody or black, tarry stools
- fainting or irregular heartbeats
- rash
- mood changes

**Tell your doctor if you experience any unusual symptoms not mentioned on this information sheet.**

This medicine may cause your body fluids such as tears, saliva, sweat, urine, feces; the surface of the eye and the lining of the eyelids to be **coloured red to brownish-black**. If this affects your vision, do not drive or operate machinery. It may also discolour the skin from red to brownish-black. This is harmless and reversible, but may take some time to return to normal after the end of therapy.

### What else do I need to know about taking clofazimine?

- Tell your doctor or nurse if you are **pregnant**, plan to become pregnant, or if you wish to **breastfeed** your baby.
- Tell your doctor or nurse if you wear soft contact lenses.

### Where should I store this medication?

- Keep away from the reach of children.
- Protect from light.
- Capsules: Store at room temperature in a tightly closed container in a cool, dry place.

### Where do I call if I have any other questions?

Your doctor, clinic or Public Health Unit: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vancouver TB Services Clinic: 604-707-2692  
New Westminster TB Services Clinic: 604-707-2698  
BCCDC Vaccine and Pharmacy Services: 604-707-2580