



Treatment of Tuberculosis Disease (Active) Patient Education Form

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Phone # _____

This information is to educate you about the treatment, side effects, and risks of taking medication for active tuberculosis disease. Treatment of TB disease with prescribed drugs will cure most cases of disease. These medications should be taken according to your physician's prescription and instructions.

Medication	Possible Side Effects	Comments
Isoniazid (INH)	Dark urine, pale stools, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, yellowing skin or eyes, rash, tingling or muscle twitching in hands or feet.	Call your doctor or nurse if you have any of these side effects. Due to the risk of liver damage, no not use alcohol. Do not take Tylenol (acetaminophen) or any medication with Tylenol while on INH. You can take Ibuprofen, Aleve, or Advil. Avoid antacids (Maalox, Tums, Mylanta) within 2 hours of taking INH. Tell you doctor or nurse if you become pregnant while on INH.
Rifampin (RIF)	Orange-colored body fluids, flu-like symptoms, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, bleeding problems, fever, pale stools, rash, yellowing skin or eyes, fatigue, blood in urine, easy bruising.	Due to the risk of liver damage, no not use alcohol . There may be significant interactions with methadone, birth control meds, digitalis, coumarin derivatives, anticonvulsants, and many other drugs. RIF will color body fluids orange (sweat, tears, urine) and may permantely discolor contact lenses. Tell your doctor or nurse if you become pregnanat while on RIF.
Pyrazinamide (PZA)	Dark urine, pale stools, yellowing eyes or skin, achy joints, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, rash, photosensitivity, gout.	Due to the risk of liver damage, do not use alcohol . Drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids. May cause elevated uric acid levels. Tell your doctor or nurse if you become pregnant while on PZA.
Ethambutol (EMB)	Changes in vision, ability to see or distinguish color, skin rash.	Due to the risk of liver damage, do not use alcohol . EMB is not recommended for children who are too young to be monitored for vision changes. Tell your doctor or nurse if you become pregnant while on EMB.

Call your doctor or nurse if you experience any of the side effects listed above or have any other questions.

I have read the statements on this form about the treatment of TB disease. I have had an opportunity to ask questions which were answered acceptably. I believe I understand the benefits and risks of taking these medications.

Other educational materials provided _____

Patient name (print) _____

Date of Birth _____

Patient (or gaurdian) signature _____ Date _____

PHN Signature _____ Date _____