Erythromycin chewable tablets

MEDICATION GUIDE

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What is this medicine?
ERYTHROMYCIN (er ith roe MYE sin) is a macrolide antibiotic. It is used to treat certain kinds of bacterial infections. It will not work for colds, flu, or other viral infections.

This medicine may be used for other purposes; ask your health care provider or pharmacist if you have questions.

How should I use this medicine?
Take this medicine by mouth. Chew it completely before swallowing. Follow the directions on the prescription label. It is best to take this medicine on an empty stomach, at least 30 minutes before or 2 hours after food. If this medicine upsets your stomach, take with food or milk. Take your medicine at regular intervals. Do not take your medicine more often than directed. Take all of your medicine as directed even if you think you are better. Do not skip doses or stop your medicine early.

Talk to your pediatrician regarding the use of this medicine in children. While this drug may be prescribed for selected conditions, precautions do apply.

Overdosage: If you think you have taken too much of this medicine contact a poison control center or emergency room at once.

NOTE: This medicine is only for you. Do not share this medicine with others.

What if I miss a dose?
If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you can. If it is almost time for your next dose, take only that dose. Do not take double or extra doses.

What should I tell my health care provider before I take this medicine?
They need to know if you have any of these conditions:

• Liver disease
• Myasthenia gravis
• An unusual or allergic reaction to erythromycin, other medicines, foods, dyes, or preservatives
• Pregnant or trying to get pregnant
• Breast-feeding

What may interact with this medicine?
Do not take this medicine with any of the following medications:

• Chloroquine
• Cisapride
• Droperidol
• Eplerenone
• Ergotamine and dihydroergotamine
• Methadone
• Other antibiotics, like grepafloxacin or sparfloxacin
• Sirolimus
• Some medicines for cholesterol like atorvastatin, cerivastatin, lovastatin, and simvastatin
• Some medicines for irregular heart rhythm like amiodarone, disopyramide, dofetilide, flecainide, procainamid, propafenone, quinidine
• Some medicines for psychotic disturbances like mesoridazine, pimozide, thioridazine, ziprasidone
• Vinblastine
• Red yeast rice

This medicine may also interact with the following medications:

• Alfentanil
• Bromocriptine
• Carbamazepine
• Cyclosporine
• Digoxin
• Some medicines for anxiety or difficulty sleeping
• Phenytoin
• Terfenadine
• Theophylline
• Valproate
• Warfarin
This list may not describe all possible interactions. Give your health care provider a list of all the medicines, herbs, non-prescription drugs, or dietary supplements you use. Also tell them if you smoke, drink alcohol, or use illegal drugs. Some items may interact with your medicine.

What side effects may I notice from receiving this medicine?

Side effects that you should report to your doctor or health care professional as soon as possible:

- Allergic reactions like skin rash, itching or hives, swelling of the face, lips, or tongue
- Dark urine
- Difficulty breathing
- Hearing loss
- Irregular heartbeat or chest pain
- Redness, blistering, peeling or loosening of the skin, including inside the mouth
- Severe or watery diarrhea
- Unusually weak or tired
- Yellowing of eyes or skin

Side effects that usually do not require medical attention (report to your doctor or health care professional if they continue or are bothersome):

- Diarrhea
- Loss of appetite
- Nausea, vomiting
- Stomach pain

This list may not describe all possible side effects. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

What should I watch for while using this medicine?

Tell your doctor or health care professional if your symptoms do not improve or if they get worse.

Do not treat diarrhea with over the counter products. Contact your doctor if you have diarrhea that lasts more than 2 days or if it is severe and watery.

Where should I keep my medicine?

Keep out of the reach of children.

Store at room temperature between 15 and 30 degrees C (59 and 86 degrees F). Keep container tightly closed. Throw away any unused medicine after the expiration date.

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