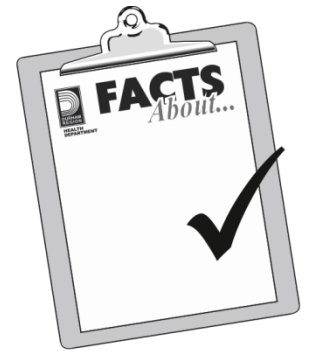




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Ethambutol

Brand names

Etibi

Reasons for taking this medicine

Ethambutol is used to treat **tuberculosis** (TB). It is used with other TB drugs.

How to take this medicine

- It is **very important** that you take ethambutol **exactly as ordered**
- If you think you might be **pregnant**, or you are **breastfeeding**, tell your doctor
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as possible but **never** take two doses at one time
- Take ethambutol **with food**. This may prevent stomach upset
- **Do not drink alcohol** while taking ethambutol
- Do not store ethambutol in areas where there is direct sunlight, heat or moisture
- Keep all follow up appointments with your doctor in order to check your response to ethambutol
- Have your blood work done as ordered by your doctor to check your liver

Caution

- Tell your doctor and pharmacist if you have any **drug allergies** before starting ethambutol
- Tell your doctor if you have ever had kidney disease, gout, or eye disease, such as cataracts
- Always tell your doctor and pharmacist if you are taking other medicines or vitamins

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Most people can take ethambutol without any problems. Ethambutol may have some side effects. Tell your doctor if you have:

- Loss of appetite
- Nausea and vomiting
- Stomach pain
- Metallic taste
- Swelling of face
- Fever, chills
- Headache, dizziness, confusion
- Joint pain, gout
- Skin rash, itchiness, hives or trouble breathing

Stop taking your ethambutol and call your doctor **right away** if you have the following symptoms:

- **Blurred or changed vision**
- **Inability to see the colours: red or green**
- **Eye pain**
- **“Spots” in your vision**

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