



## Durham Region Health Department Facts about...



# Moxifloxacin

## Brand names

Avelox

## Reasons for taking this medicine

Moxifloxacin is an antibiotic which is part of the fluoroquinolone family of drugs. It is used to treat **tuberculosis** (TB) and can be used alone or with other TB drugs.

## How to take this medicine

- It is **very important** that you take moxifloxacin **exactly as ordered**
- Take the drug at the same time every day. If you miss a dose, take it as soon as possible, but never take two doses at one time. Only take one dose every 24 hours
- Take this drug **by mouth**. Taking **with food** may help with stomach upset. Drink lots of water
- **Do not take** antacids, vitamins with iron, magnesium, aluminum, zinc, 4 hours before or 8 hours after taking this medicine
- Keep moxifloxacin at room temperature. Do not store moxifloxacin in sunlight, heat or humidity
- Go to all doctor visits while on this medicine
- Have blood work done as ordered by your doctor
- Tell your health care providers that you are taking moxifloxacin

## Caution

- Tell your doctor and pharmacist if you have any **drug allergies** before starting moxifloxacin
- Always tell your doctor and pharmacist if you are taking any other **drugs or vitamins**
- Tell your doctor your **full medical history**, including if you are pregnant or breastfeeding, drink alcohol, if you have ever had heart, kidney or lung transplant, aortic aneurysm, diabetes, irregular heartbeat, low potassium or low magnesium levels, heart attack, myasthenia gravis, liver disease, kidney disease, nerve or tendon problems
- Do not get pregnant while taking this medication. If you get pregnant, call your doctor right away
- Avoid intense physical activity
- Avoid too much sunlight and tanning beds

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**Most people can take moxifloxacin with no problem, but it may cause some side effects. Tell your doctor if you have:**

- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Stomach pain
- Unable to sleep at night, anxiety, poor memory
- Changes in mood
- Dizziness, confusion
- Muscle or joint pain, swelling or bruising of joints
- Low or high blood sugars, especially if you are diabetic

**Stop** taking moxifloxacin and see a doctor **right away** if you have these symptoms:

- **Fast heart rate, pounding heart, severe chest pain**
- **Difficulty breathing**
- **Severe back pain, severe stomach pain**
- **Swelling of face or lips, skin rash, itchiness, hives**
- **Seizures, fainting**
- **Severe tingling, numbness of arms, hands, legs or feet**
- **Hallucinations, severe agitation, thoughts of harming yourself**
- **Eyes and/or skin that are yellow**
- **Severe loss of appetite**
- **Yellowing of eyes or skin**
- **Severe nausea, vomiting, diarrhea**
- **Very dark urine**
- **Difficulty walking, unable to put weight on a joint**

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