

GENTAMICIN (injection)

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What does it do?

Gentamicin is used to treat bacterial infections.

How is it given?

Gentamicin is given as an infusion or a slow injection into a vein or as an injection into a muscle. It is usually given to you by a health professional.

What if you forget a dose?

If you miss a dose, contact your health professional as soon as possible. Usually, the missed dose is given as soon as possible and treatment continued as directed.

Can you take other medicines?

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products or recreational drugs.

What side effects might you notice?

Side Effects	Recommended action
Hearing loss, ringing in the ears, unsteadiness Trouble peeing Symptoms of allergy including: skin rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing	Tell your doctor immediately
Pain, tenderness or redness at injection site	Tell your doctor if troublesome

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.

Other information:

- Tell your doctor if you have kidney, hearing or balance problems, have a chronic muscle condition (e.g. myasthenia gravis), or an allergy to antibiotics.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.