

New Zealand Formulary PATIENT INFORMATION

MEBENDAZOLE

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What does it do?

Mebendazole is used to treat worms.

Before you start

• Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.

How should you take it?

Take mebendazole as directed.

The tablets can be swallowed whole with a glass of water. They can also be crushed or chewed. The squares can be chewed.

Measure the liquid carefully with an oral syringe or measuring spoon. Shake the bottle well before measuring each dose.

What if you forget a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as possible and continue as directed.

Can you take other medicines?

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

What side effects might you notice?

Side Effects	Recommended action
Abdominal pain	Tell your doctor if troublesome

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

Other information:

- Treat the whole household at the same time to lower the chance of re-infecting each other.
- Wash hands thoroughly, especially after going to the toilet. Keep finger nails short and scrubbed clean.