

## BENZYL PENICILLIN

*ben-zil-pen-ih-sil-in*

### What does it do?

*Benzylpenicillin* is used to treat and prevent bacterial infections.

### How is it given?

*Benzylpenicillin* is given as an infusion or injection into a vein, or as an injection into a muscle.

### What if you forget a dose?

The missed dose should be given as soon as possible and treatment should continue as directed. *Benzylpenicillin* is usually given to you by a health professional. If you miss a dose, contact your health professional as soon as possible.

### 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
Symptoms of allergy including: skin rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing	Tell your doctor immediately
Severe or persistent diarrhoea, abdominal pain Small white sores in mouth, furry tongue (oral thrush) Vaginal itch or discharge (vaginal thrush)	Tell your doctor
Diarrhoea, stomach upset Irritation or pain 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 or gut problems, have ever had a seizure, or have ever had an allergic reaction to penicillins or any other medicine.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.