

MEROPENEM

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What does it do?

Meropenem is used to treat bacterial infections.

How is it given?

Meropenem is given as an infusion or injection into a vein.

What if you forget a dose?

The missed dose should be given as soon as possible and treatment should continue as directed. *Meropenem* 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 Symptoms of liver problems including: yellow skin or eyes, itching, dark urine, pale bowel motions, abdominal pain Seizures	Tell your doctor immediately
Severe or persistent diarrhoea, abdominal pain	Tell your doctor
Diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting Headache 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 liver problems, or have ever had a seizure.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.