

Medication Information

Ethambutol

(Ee – tham – byoo – tole)

Other names for this medication

Etibi[®]
Myambutol[®]

How this medication works

This medication is used to get rid of the bacteria that causes tuberculosis or TB. It will be used with other medication to treat TB. You may need to take ethambutol for a long period of time; sometimes 2 years or more.

How to take this medication

Take this medication exactly as directed by your health care provider. It must be taken regularly, even if you feel well. Do not stop taking ethambutol without checking with your health care provider first. To avoid stomach upset, take this medication with food.

Tell your health care provider about any medications you take, even the ones you buy without a prescription.

You can take the total daily dose all at once or split it up during the day.

If you miss a dose of this medication, take it as soon as possible. However, if it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular times. Do not double the dose.

Keep all clinic appointments so your response to the medication and any side effects can be checked. You will need to see an eye doctor regularly to check for changes in your vision.

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While taking this medication you may notice

- loss of appetite
- nausea or vomiting
- headache

Contact your health care provider if you notice

- changes in your vision such as blurred vision, not able to see red or green
- skin rash
- joint pain
- numbness, tingling, burning in hands