

PROBENECID



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ABOUT your medicine

Probenecid is used to treat gout, gouty arthritis and other problems caused by too much uric acid in your body. It also helps some antibiotics work better.

HOW should I take the medicine?

Your doctor will determine the amount of medicine you should take based on the severity of your condition. Take this medicine in the dose prescribed by your doctor.

Continue taking your medicine, even if you think it is not working or if you take other medicine for gout attacks. The attacks should become shorter and less painful after several weeks or months.

Drink 10 to 12 full glasses of liquid each day unless your doctor tells you not to.

Take your medicine with food, milk or antacids to avoid stomach upset.

What should I do if I **FORGET** a dose?

If you miss a dose or forget to take your medicine, take it as soon as you can. However, if it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to take the medicine and skip the missed dose. Do not double your dose or take extra medicine to make up for a missed dose. If you have missed several doses, please call your physician to check what you should do.

What are the possible **SIDE-EFFECTS** of the medicine?

Call your doctor immediately if you have any of these side-effects:

- Fast or irregular heart beat
- Chest pain lasting longer than 15 minutes
- Wheezing or trouble breathing
- Swelling around the eyes or eyelids

*Keep all medication out of reach of children
Discard all medication that has expired or is no longer required*

- Skin rash, severe itching or hives
- Unexplained fever or sore throat
- Bloody urine or pain when urinating

Check with your doctor if you experience these less serious side-effects:

- Headache or dizziness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Loss of appetite
- Flushing (redness) in the face.

What PRECAUTIONS should I take?

Check with your doctor before taking this medicine if you have cancer and are being treated for it, blood or kidney disease or stomach ulcers.

If you have diabetes, probenecid may cause inaccurate results on some tests which are used to check for sugar in your urine.

Inform your doctor and pharmacist if you are already taking some other medicines, herbal preparations, nutritional products or vitamin supplements.

You must tell your doctor if you are allergic to any other medicines, or if you develop an allergy while taking this medicine. The symptoms of a drug allergy include one or more of the following: swollen face/eyes/lips, difficulty in breathing or widespread itchy skin rashes.

Inform your doctor if you are breast-feeding, pregnant or likely to become pregnant during the course of this treatment

How should I **STORE** the medicine?

Store the medicine in a dry place at room temperature, away from heat and direct light. Do not refrigerate your medicines unless instructed to do so.

