



Pharmacy Services

Penicillin G Benzathine Injections

General Information

Penicillin G Benzathine, known by brand names Bicillin L-A and Permapen Isoject, is used to treat infections and prevent the relapse of rheumatic fever.

When You Should NOT Use This Medication

Do not use this medicine if you have had an allergic reaction to any type of penicillin.

How To Use and Store This Medicine

Your doctor will prescribe your exact dose and tell you how often to take it.

This medicine is given as a shot into a muscle. A nurse or other trained health professional, such as a home health caregiver, will give you this medicine.

If you store this medicine at home, keep it in the refrigerator. Do not freeze it. You may take out the medicine 1 hour before using it to let it warm to room temperature.

Keep all medicine out of the reach of children, and NEVER share your medicine with anyone.

If You Miss a Dose

If you miss a dose or forget to use your medicine, use it as soon as you can. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to use the medicine and skip the missed dose.

Do not use extra medicine to make up for one missed dose.

If you miss more than one dose, call your doctor.

Drugs and Foods to Avoid

Ask your doctor or pharmacist before using any other medicine, including over-the-counter medicines, vitamins and herbal products.

Make sure your doctor knows if you are using probenecid (Benemid), tetracycline or erythromycin (Erythro-Tab, E-Mycin).

Birth control pills, implants or shots may not work while you are using penicillin. To keep from getting pregnant, use another form of birth control, such as condoms, a diaphragm or contraceptive foam or jelly.

Warnings

Make sure your doctor knows if you are pregnant or breastfeeding, or if you have asthma or have ever had an allergic reaction to a cephalosporin antibiotic (such as cefaclor, cefadroxil, cephalexin, Ceftin or Keflex).

If you have severe diarrhea, ask your doctor before taking anything to stop the diarrhea.

Side Effects

Call your doctor right away if you have any of these side effects:

- Allergic reaction: itching or hives, swelling in the face or hands, swelling or tingling in the mouth or throat, tightness in the chest, trouble breathing
- Change in how much or how often you urinate
- Diarrhea (may be watery or contain blood)
- Fast, pounding heartbeat
- Lightheadedness or fainting
- Numbness, tingling or burning pain in your hands, arms, legs or feet
- Twitching or muscle movements you cannot control
- Unusual bleeding or bruising

If you have problems with these less serious side effects, talk with your doctor:

- Nausea or vomiting
- Pain, redness or swelling where the shot is given
- Vaginal itching or discharge

If you have other side effects that you think are caused by this medicine, tell your doctor.