

Patient Information:

CIPRO (ciprofloxacin)
ORAL TABLET 500mg

State Public Health Organization: _____
24-hour Information Telephone Number: _____

This drug treats infections. It belongs to a class of drugs called quinolone antibiotics. You have been given this drug for protection against possible exposure to an infection-causing bacteria. This drug treats:

✓ Anthrax

You have been provided a limited supply of medicine. Local emergency health workers or your healthcare provider will inform you if you need more medicine after you finish this supply. If so upon your follow-up visit, you will be told how to get more medicine. You will also be told if no more medicine is needed.

Take this medicine as prescribed. one tablet by mouth, two times a day.

You will be provided special dosing instructions for children.

Keep taking your medicine, even if you feel okay, unless your doctor tells you to stop. If you stop taking this medicine too soon, you may become infected, or your infection may come back.

You should take this medicine with a full glass of water. Drink several glasses of water each day while you are taking this medicine. It is best to take this medicine 2 hours after a meal. If it upsets your stomach, you may take it with food, but do not take it with milk, yogurt, or cheese. If you miss a dose, take the missed dose as soon as possible. If it is almost time for your next regular dose, wait until then to take your medicine, and skip the missed dose. *Do not take two doses at the same time.*

DRUGS AND FOODS TO AVOID: Do not take the following drugs within 2 hours of taking CIPRO: antacids such as Maalox or Mylanta, vitamins, iron supplements, zinc supplements, or sucralfate (Carafate). You may take them 2 hours after or 6 hours before CIPRO. Also, make sure your doctor knows if you are taking asthma medicine like theophylline, gout medicine like probenecid (Benemid), or a blood thinner such as Coumadin.

Avoid drinking more than one or two caffeinated beverages (coffee, tea, soft drinks) per day. Avoid taking this medicine with foods containing large amounts of calcium, like milk, yogurt, or cheese.

WARNINGS: If you have epilepsy or kidney disease, or if you are pregnant, become pregnant, or are breastfeeding, tell emergency healthcare workers before you start taking this medicine.

Do not take this medicine if you have had an allergic reaction to ciprofloxacin or other quinolone medicines such as norfloxacin (Noroxin), ofloxacin (Floxin) or nalidixic acid (NegGram).

This medicine may make you dizzy or lightheaded. Avoid driving or using machinery until you know how it will affect you.

This medicine increases the chance of sunburn; make sure to use sunscreen to protect your skin.

SIDE EFFECTS: Call your doctor or seek medical advice right away if you are having any of these side effects: rash or hives; swelling of face, throat, or lips; shortness of breath or trouble breathing; seizures; or severe diarrhea. Less serious side effects include nausea, mild diarrhea, stomach pain, dizziness, and headache. Talk with your doctor if you have problems with these side effects.

