

Mephyton (phytonadione) basics

Replaces vitamin K in the body to prevent or treat bleeding episodes. Mephyton (phytonadione) is given to replace vitamin K in the body, especially when you're at risk for bleeding.

What to expect when starting

Here's when people typically experience benefits as well as some possible side effects. Your experience may be different.

	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Mephyton (phytonadione) Drug effectiveness					
Possible side effects†					
Severe allergic reactions					
Flushing					
Dizziness					
Shortness of breath					
Low blood pressure					

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Medicines like warfarin, aspirin, and antibiotics can lower vitamin K and increase your risk for bleeding. Follow your doctor's instructions exactly on when to take this medicine in order to prevent any bleeding.
- The pill starts working in 6 to 10 hours. It will not work fast enough to control major bleeding. See the doctor or go to the emergency room right away if your bleeding can't be controlled.

Risks and warnings

The FDA has identified these as possible serious or life-threatening risks with this medication. Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Serious allergic reactions

Mephyton (phytonadione) can cause serious allergic reactions when injected. Your doctor will only give you Mephyton (phytonadione) as an injection if you are having a major bleeding episode.

Warfarin resistance

High doses of Mephyton (phytonadione) can cause warfarin resistance for about a week. Do not take more than what your doctor prescribed to bring your INR back to normal.