

Myfortic (mycophenolic acid) basics

Prevents rejection of a transplanted organ. Myfortic (mycophenolic acid) is good at preventing organ transplant rejection, but you'll need regular blood tests.

What to expect when starting

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



Tips from pharmacists

- Take Myfortic (mycophenolic acid) on an empty stomach if possible, at least 1 hour before or 2 hours after a meal. Talk to your doctor if you take heartburn medicine.
- Take the tablets whole. Don't cut, crush, or chew tablets.
- Myfortic (mycophenolic acid) (mycophenolic acid) and CellCept (mycophenolate mofetil) are dosed differently and absorbed by your body differently. Don't take them together. Don't switch between them without talking to your doctor.
- Myfortic (mycophenolic acid) can hurt or kill a fetus during pregnancy. Before starting Myfortic (mycophenolic acid), take a pregnancy test. You'll also need to take another pregnancy test 8 to 10 days after starting Myfortic (mycophenolic acid). Use 2 forms of birth control while taking Myfortic (mycophenolic acid), and for 6 weeks after stopping it. If you become pregnant while taking Myfortic (mycophenolic acid), call your doctor right away.
- If you miss a dose of Myfortic (mycophenolic acid), take it as soon as you remember. If it's time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and take your next dose at its regular time. Don't take 2 doses at the same time. Call your doctor or pharmacist if you're not sure what to do.

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.

Harm to unborn baby

Myfortic (mycophenolic acid) can harm an unborn baby during pregnancy. Don't use Myfortic (mycophenolic acid) while pregnant. Talk to your doctor about finding different medicines if you're pregnant or want to become pregnant.

Serious infections

Myfortic (mycophenolic acid) can raise your risk of serious or life-threatening bacterial, fungal, and viral infections. In some cases, infections can reactivate from an inactive virus in your body, like tuberculosis (TB) or hepatitis B virus (HBV). If you develop symptoms of fever, chills, muscle aches, or you notice dark urine, appetite/weight loss, vomiting, or a skin rash, tell your doctor and get medical care right away.

Cancer

Long-term use of Myfortic (mycophenolic acid) can raise your risk of skin cancer and lymphoma (cancer of the immune system). Limit your exposure to sunlight and check your skin regularly. Let your doctor know right away if you have skin changes, prolonged fevers, unexpected weight loss, extreme tiredness, or lumps in your neck, armpit, or groin.