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Take allopurinol exactly as prescribed by your doctor. Do not take in larger or smaller amounts or for longer than recommended. Follow the directions on your prescription label.

Your doctor may occasionally change your dose to make sure you get the best results.

Take each dose with a full glass of water. To reduce your risk of kidney stones forming, drink 8 to 10 full glasses of fluid every day, unless your doctor tells you otherwise. You may have gout attacks more often when you first start taking allopurinol. Your doctor may recommend other gout medication to take with allopurinol. Keep using your medication as directed and tell your doctor if your symptoms do not improve after a few months of treatment.

Allopurinol can lower blood cells that help your body fight infections. This can make it easier for you to bleed from an injury or get sick from being around others who are ill. Your blood may need to be tested often. Visit your doctor regularly.

Store allopurinol at room temperature away from moisture and heat.

See also: Dosage Information (in more detail)

What happens if I miss a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember. Skip the missed dose if it is almost time for your next scheduled dose. Do not take extra medicine to make up the missed dose.

What happens if I overdose?

Seek emergency medical attention or call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222.

What should I avoid?

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Avoid being near people who are sick or have infections. Tell your doctor at once if you develop signs of infection.

Allopurinol may impair your thinking or reactions. Be careful if you drive or do anything that requires you to be alert. Avoid drinking alcohol. It may worsen your condition.

Your doctor may recommend a special diet to help treat your condition. Follow your diet and medication routines very closely.





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Allopurinol side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have any of these signs of an allergic reaction to allopurinol: hives; difficult breathing; swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat. Stop using allopurinol and call your doctor at once if you have a serious side effect such as:

fever, sore throat, and headache with a severe blistering, peeling, and red skin rash;

- · the first sign of any skin rash, no matter how mild;
- · pain or bleeding when you urinate;
- nausea, upper stomach pain, itching, loss of appetite, weight loss, dark urine, clay-colored stools, jaundice (yellowing of the skin or eyes);
- · urinating less than usual or not at all;
- · joint pain, flu symptoms;
- · severe tingling, numbness, pain, muscle weakness; or
- easy bruising, unusual bleeding (nose, mouth, vagina, or rectum), purple or red pinpoint spots under your skin.

Less serious allopurinol side effects may include:

- · vomiting, diarrhea;
- drowsiness, headache;
- muscle pain.

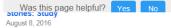
This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

See also: Side effects (in more detail)

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Usual Allopurinol Adult Dose for Gout:	
Initial: 100 mg orally once a day. Maintenance: 200 to 300 mg (mild gout) orally once a day or 400 to 600 mg/day (moderately severe tophaceous gout) in divided doses.	
Usual Allopurinol Adult Dose for Hyperuricemia Secondary to Chemotherapy:	
Initial: ວັral: 600 ໄວ ີ800 mg້/ີດີay for 1 ໄວ 3 days with consumີງີໂເວິກ of at least 2 L of fluid/day.	Was this page helpful? Yes No
Maintenance: 200 to 300 mg/day orally until patient no longer at high risk for developing hyperuricemia.	
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Initial: 200 to 300 mg orally once a day. Maintenance: 300 mg/day or less.	
Usual Adult Dose for Congestive Heart Failure:	
Study (n=11) to prevent the formation of superoxide free radicals and improve endothelial function (in NYHA class II to III chronic heart failure): 300 mg orally daily for 1 month	
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Usual Allopurinol Adult Dose for High Risk Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty:	
Study (n=38) - Primary Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty (PTCA): 400 mg orally administered immediately after admission to the emergency department (approximately 60 minutes before reperfusion) and after primary PTCA was completed.	
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Usual Pediatric Dose for Hyperuricemia Secondary to Chemotherapy:	
Parenteral : Less than or equal to 10 years: 200 mg/m2/day in 1 to 3 equally divided doses not to exceed 600 mg/24 hours. All doses greater than 300 mg should be given in equally divided doses. Greater than 10 years: 200 to 400 mg/m2/day administered in 1 to 3 equally divided doses, not to exceed 600 mg/24 hours.	
Oral: Less than 6 years: 150 mg/day orally in 3 divided doses. 6 to 10 years: 300 mg/day orally in 2 to 3 divided doses. Greater than 10 years: 600 to 800 mg/day in 2 to 3 equally divided doses	
Usual Allopurinol Pediatric Dose for Leishmaniasis:	
Greater than 5 years old Study (n=31) - Cutaneous leishmaniasis: 20 mg/kg/day plus low-dose meglumine antimoniate (30 mg/kg/day)	Was this page helpful? Yes No
What other drugs will affect allopurinol? Tell your doctor about all other medicines you use, especially:	
azathioprine (Imuran);	
chlorpropamide (Diabinese);	
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cyclosporine (Gengraf, Sandimmune, Neoral); mercaptopurine (Purinethol):	
 mercaptopurine (Purinethol); an antibiotic such as ampicillin (Principen, Omnipen, others) or amoxicillin (Amoxil, Augmentin, Trimox, 	
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