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INFORMATION ON CIPROFLOXACIN

What is Ciprofloxacin?

- Ciprofloxacin is an antibiotic which is effective in treating certain bacteria.

How is Ciprofloxacin prescribed?

- Dr. Donovan will describe how he would like you to use Ciprofloxacin.
- Do not take Ciprofloxacin with magnesium or aluminum pills or with iron, calcium or zinc. These pills will decrease the absorption of Ciprofloxacin

Can I use Ciprofloxacin with other treatments?

- Ciprofloxacin can interact with many medications. It is very important that you give us a complete list of all medications and herbal medications.
- A full medication list is required, including Coumadin (warfarin), Phenytoin (seizure medication), NSAIDS, thyroid medications, theophylline, tizanidine

Who should not use Ciprofloxacin?

- Ciprofloxacin should not be used in pregnancy; Ciprofloxacin should not be used if previous allergic
- Ciprofloxacin should not be used if on medications that interact;
- Ciprofloxacin should not be used in patients with anxiety/depression or seizure disorder
- Ciprofloxacin should not be used in patients with kidney or liver disease
- Ciprofloxacin should not be used in patients who use medications called NSAIDS (ibuprofen) or prednisone

What side effects are possible with Ciprofloxacin?

A range of side effects are possible. Be sure to speak to Dr. Donovan about all side effects before starting. Most patients use Ciprofloxacin without any problems. The most common side effects are nausea (2.5 % of patients), diarrhea (1.6 %), vomiting (1%) and rash (1%). Other side effects are less common but include:

- Peripheral neuropathy (irreversible nerve damage)
- Tendon damage and tendon rupture (any age but more likely when over 60)
- Heart rhythm problems
- Severe diarrhea problems (pseudomembranous colitis)
- Rhabdomyolysis (muscle breakdown)
- Serious rashes requiring hospitalization (Steven's Johnson syndrome)
- More sensitive to the sun; Vision changes
- Changes in your mood

What side effects should prompt me to STOP Ciprofloxacin?

Patients with side effects should report side effects to Dr. Donovan.

- Headaches
- Feeling unwell in any way
- Rashes on the body
- Muscle pain
- Diarrhea
- Mood changes (more anxious or depressed)
- Vision changes

