

ETHOMID TABLETS 250MG

Ethionamide (250mg)

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What Ethomid is used for

Ethomid is used with other medicines to treat tuberculosis (TB), especially when the TB bacteria are resistant to other first-line TB medicines like isoniazid or rifampin, or if the patient cannot tolerate those medicines.

How Ethomid works

Ethomid contains the active ingredient ethionamide. It is an antibiotic that works by stopping the growth of the bacteria that cause tuberculosis.

Before you use Ethomid

- When you must not use it

Do not take this medicine if:

- you are allergic to ethionamide or any other ingredients of this medicine (listed in Product Description).
- you have severe liver disease.

- Before you start to use it

Check with your doctor or pharmacist before taking Ethomid if you:

- have liver problems.
- have diabetes.
- have thyroid problems.
- have a history of mental health problems.

Pregnancy and lactation

Please consult your doctor or pharmacist if you are pregnant, planning for pregnancy or breast-feeding before using any medicine.

Ethionamide may cause harm to your unborn baby. Your doctor will decide if the benefit of taking this medicine outweighs the risk.

- Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you buy without a prescription from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Inform your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking:

- Other TB medicines: Using Ethomid with cycloserine may increase the risk of seizures. Using it with isoniazid may increase the risk of side effects affecting the nervous system or liver
- Medicines for diabetes: Ethomid can make it harder to manage blood sugar levels. Your diabetes medication dose may need to be adjusted.
- Alcohol: Excessive alcohol intake should be avoided as it can increase the risk of liver problems and may worsen side effects like dizziness.

Always check with your doctor or pharmacist before starting any new medicine while on Ethomid.

How to use Ethomid

Follow all directions given to you by your doctor and pharmacist carefully. They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet. If you do not understand the instructions on the label, ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.

- How much to use

Adults:

- The usual dose is 15 to 20 milligrams (mg) per kilogram (kg) of your body weight each day.
- The maximum total daily dose is 1000 mg (1 gram).
- Treatment is usually started at a lower dose (e.g., 250 mg once daily) and gradually increased as tolerated by your body.

Children:

- The dose for children is also based on body weight and is determined by a doctor. The usual recommended dose is 10 to 20 mg per kg of body weight per day.

- When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

Take this medicine at the same time each day, with or after food to help reduce stomach upset.

- How long to use it

Use this medicine for the duration that your doctor recommends.

You must take this medicine for the full duration that your doctor recommends. Do not stop even if you feel better, as the infection may not be fully treated. TB treatment can last for many months or years.

- If you forget to use it

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to take the medicine and skip the missed dose. Do not take a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

- If you use too much (overdose)

Contact your doctor immediately or go to the Emergency Department of your nearest hospital, if you or anyone else may have used too much of this medicine. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.

Taking too much of this medicine may cause:

- Severe nausea and vomiting.
- Severe abdominal pain.
- Dizziness, drowsiness, and confusion.
- Blurred vision or other visual disturbances.
- Seizures.
- Signs of liver problems (such as yellowing of the skin or eyes).

While you are using Ethomid

- Things you must do

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are using Ethomid.

You must have regular blood tests to check your liver function, blood sugar, and thyroid function.

Take vitamin B6 (pyridoxine) if your doctor recommends it, to help prevent nerve problems.

- Things you must not do

Do not stop using the medicine unless advised by your doctor.

Do not use any new medicines without consulting your doctor or pharmacist.

Do not give Ethomid to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

- Things to be careful of

Driving and using machines

This medicine may cause dizziness, drowsiness, or blurred vision. Do not drive or use machines if you experience these effects.

Side effects

Like all medicines, Ethomid can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Contact your doctor immediately if you get:

- Yellowing of your skin or eyes, dark urine (signs of liver problems).
- Numbness, burning, or tingling in your hands or feet.
- Blurred vision, eye pain, or any loss of vision.
- Severe dizziness, confusion, seizures, or mood changes (e.g., depression).
- Unusual bruising or bleeding.

Common side effects (may affect up to 1 in 10 people):

- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, stomach pain, loss of appetite, metallic taste in the mouth.
- Dizziness, headache, drowsiness.
- Increased saliva.

Common Other possible side effects:

- Skin rash, acne.
- Thyroid problems.
- Difficulty controlling blood sugar levels (in diabetics).

Visit your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you experience any side effects after using this medicine.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by visiting the website nptra.gov.my (Consumers → Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)).

Storage and Disposal of Ethomid

- Storage

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.
Store below 30°C in a dry place. Protect from light.

- Disposal

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

Product Description

- What it looks like

Yellow, circular, biconvex, film-coated tablet with a plain surface on both sides.

- Ingredients

- Active ingredient
 - Ethionamide
- Inactive ingredients
 - Maize Starch,

- Gelatine, Sodium Starch Glycolate,
- Colloidal Anhydrous Silica,
- Acacia,
- Purified Talc,
- Magnesium Stearate,
- Povidone,
- Hypromellose,
- Titanium dioxide,
- Quinoline yellow,
- Diethyl phthalate.

- MAL number:

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