

MOXIFLOXACIN

(mox-ih-FLOX-uh-sin)

Instructions for Clients Taking Moxifloxacin

GENERIC NAME: Moxifloxacin

COMMON BRAND NAME: Avelox

REASON FOR TAKING THIS MEDICATION:

- Moxifloxacin is an antibiotic. It is used in combination with other medications to treat tuberculosis.

PROPER USE OF THIS MEDICATION:

- This medication is taken once a day, with or without food.
- It is very important that you keep taking this medicine for the full time of treatment, or as directed by your physician, even if you start to feel better.
- Do not miss a dose. If you miss a dose, take it as soon as possible. If it is almost time to take your next dose, do not take the missed dose, and do not take two doses at once.
- Antacids containing magnesium or aluminum interfere with the absorption of moxifloxacin and may prevent it from working properly. Take moxifloxacin at least 2 hours before or 2 hours after taking these products.
- Avoid taking moxifloxacin if you have a known prolongation of the QT interval.

ALL MEDICATIONS MAY CAUSE SOME UNDESIRABLE SYMPTOMS.

NOTIFY YOUR PHYSICIAN IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS PERSIST:

- Nausea, diarrhea, stomach pain
- Headache, dizziness
- Indigestion
- Rash
- Sudden pain after exercise
- Swelling of your face or lips
- Diarrhea (more than 8-10 watery stools per day or if diarrhea is bloody)

HELPFUL HINTS:

- Rapid or bolus intravenous infusion must be avoided.
- Do not refrigerate.
- If you are taking oral contraceptives (the birth control pill), you must use an alternate method of birth control while taking moxifloxacin.
- Avoid regular use of alcohol. It may keep this medication from working well and damage your liver.
- Moxifloxacin is not for use during pregnancy or breastfeeding. It can cause serious birth defects.

KEEP ALL MEDICATIONS OUT THE SIGHT AND REACH OF CHILDREN.