

# PRISTINAMYCIN

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Pristinamycin (Pyostacine®) is an antibiotic taken by mouth for the treatment of a sexually transmitted infection (STI) when other treatments can not be used. Pristinamycin is only available by special permission through Health Canada which must be requested by your healthcare provider.

## Allergies

- Tell your healthcare provider if you have a history of antibiotic allergy or an allergy to any of the following:
  - Wheat\* – avoid pristinamycin use
  - Gelatin

*\*Pristinamycin contains trace amounts of wheat starch (contains gluten) but can be used in patients with celiac disease*

## Pregnancy and Breast/Chest Feeding

Advise your healthcare provider if you are pregnant. Avoid use of product if breast/chest feeding.

## CAUTION

- Tell your healthcare provider if you have any blood, kidney, liver, or psychiatric conditions.
- Tell your healthcare provider if you are taking colchicine (a medication commonly used for gout therapy), vitamin K antagonists, and/or immunosuppressing medicines.
- Advise your healthcare provider if you have recently had or are planning to receive the following vaccinations:
  - BCG vaccine – intravesical
  - Cholera vaccine (Vaxchora®)
  - Oral typhoid vaccine (Vivotif®)
- Drug Interactions: Please note that individual drug interactions are no longer listed in this document. If you are taking any prescription, non-prescription, herbal, or recreational products, please discuss with your healthcare provider.

## Side Effects

- You may experience nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach discomfort, fullness or heaviness, or rash
- If you experience skin, or worsening, reactions (i.e., hives, rash, itching, eruptions, etc.) or diarrhea that is painful, watery or bloody with/without fever, stop medication and inform your care provider

## Instructions for Taking

- Take two 500 mg pristinamycin tablets (= 1000 mg) three times a day for 10 days with food and full glass of water. Take until finished and along with other prescribed medicines for this condition as directed.
- If you miss a dose, take as soon as possible or if close to your next dose, take only the next dose. Do not double dose.

## Storage Instructions

- Store at room temperature between 15 and 30°C.
- Do not use medications beyond the labeled expiry date
- Keep away from the reach of children.
- Keep tablets in the original blister packaging until ready for use

## Special Instructions

- Do not have sex until:
  - One week after you have started your treatment, or advised by your healthcare provider, AND
  - Your sex partner(s) have also been treated, and one week has passed since the start of their treatment, even if their test results are negative.
- You will need retreatment if you have sex with an untreated partner, or you have sex before either you or your partner(s) treatment is complete. Please discuss with your healthcare provider.

If you have any questions or need further information, please visit <http://www.smartsexresource.com> or contact your healthcare provider.