

Side Effect	Management
Blood disorder [Rare side effect] (Warning signs: May be asymptomatic; unusual bleeding or bruising, lip or mouth ulcers with "flu-like" symptoms may occur)	Consult your doctor immediately if these symptoms occur. Inform your doctor if you have G6PD deficiency.

If you develop rashes, facial swelling or shortness of breath after taking the medication, you could be allergic to the medication. Please seek medical attention immediately.

Are There any Special Precautions That I Need to Take?

- It is important to inform your doctor if you intend to conceive or breastfeed while taking Probenecid.

How do I Store Probenecid?

- Store your medication in a cool, dry place away from heat, moisture and direct sunlight.

If you have any problem with your treatment, please contact your doctor, pharmacist or nurse clinician.

Please keep all medications out of reach of children.

PHARMACY

Drug Information

Probenecid



What is Probenecid?

- Probenecid is used to treat gout – a condition where high uric acid (body’s waste product) crystallises to deposit in the skin and joints, causing joint inflammation which is medically known as a gout attack.
- Probenecid treats gout by helping your kidneys remove uric acid from your blood.
- Probenecid is used for the long-term control of gout. It does not treat acute gout and neither does it cure gout.

How is Probenecid Taken?

- Probenecid tablet is taken orally, with or after food to reduce stomach discomfort.
- A typical dose for Probenecid ranges from 250mg to 1g, twice a day. A low dose is usually started followed by gradual increment as needed, depending on your disease control and response to the medication.
- Probenecid may cause urinary stones as a side effect. To reduce the risk of urinary stones, you should drink at least 8 glasses of water each day when taking Probenecid, unless advised otherwise by your doctor. Inform your doctor if you have a history of kidney stones.

What Should I Do if I Miss a Dose?

- If you miss a dose, take the missed dose soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, take only the usual dose. Never take a double dosage of medication to make up for the missed dose.

How Long Does it Take for Probenecid to Be Effective?

- Probenecid does not work immediately. It is therefore important that you take your medication regularly, or you may not benefit from Probenecid at all.
- During the first few months of taking Probenecid, you may still experience occasional gout attacks. However, with regular use of Probenecid, the attacks will gradually reduce in frequency and become less painful.

Can Probenecid be Taken with Other Medications?

- Probenecid can be taken together with painkillers and other gout medications prescribed by your doctor.
- It is important that you inform the doctor, pharmacist or rheumatology nurse clinician about other medications (including over-the-counter medicines, supplements and traditional/herbal remedies) that you are currently taking, as they may affect the way you benefit from Probenecid.

What Dietary Changes Should I Make?

- Avoid drinking alcohol as it may increase uric acid levels in your blood, triggering new gout attacks.
- Reduce intake of food and beverages with high fructose content, e.g. soft drinks and food that is high in purine, e.g. organ meats.

Should I Continue or Stop Probenecid During an Acute Gout Attack?

- If you have already been taking Probenecid, you should continue taking it, together with the other medications that you have been prescribed for the acute gout attack.

What are the Important Side Effects of Probenecid?

- Serious side effects are rare for patients taking Probenecid. Always discuss with your doctor if you experience any side effects.

Side Effect	Management
Nausea, loss of appetite, stomach irritation	Take medication with food.
Headache or dizziness	Consult your doctor if this persists.
Kidney stones (Warning signs: Lower back pain with dark or pinkish urine, painful urination)	Consult your doctor immediately.