

Do I Need Regular Monitoring When Taking These Medications?

- Regular monitoring of blood tests will be required to ensure the dose of medication is effective and to monitor for any possible side effects.
- It is important that you attend all follow-up visits with your doctor.

Are There any Special Precautions That I Need to Take?

- Discuss with your doctor if you intend to conceive or breastfeed while taking this medication. The medication or dose may need to be adjusted during pregnancy.
- If you are pregnant, inform the clinic to bring forward your appointment. You will need an early review, frequent monitoring of thyroid hormone levels and adjustment of medications.
- Inform your doctor if you have any liver problems or blood disorders before taking this medication.

How do I Store These Medications?

- 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.

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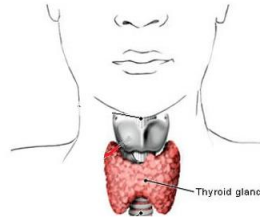
Drug Information

Medications to treat Hyperthyroidism



What is Hyperthyroidism?

- Hyperthyroidism is a condition that occurs when the thyroid gland produces too much thyroid hormones. These hormones control the body's metabolic functions, such as temperature and heart rate.
- The thyroid gland is found at the front of your neck.



- Common symptoms of high thyroid levels include anxiety, irritability, hand tremors, rapid heartbeat or palpitations, sweating, feeling more hot than usual, diarrhea, irregular menses (for females), unexplained weight loss, fatigue and muscle weakness.
- Common causes of hyperthyroidism could include an autoimmune condition, or thyroid nodules that produce excessive hormones.

What are the Medications Used to Treat Hyperthyroidism?

Medication Class	Medication Name
Anti-thyroid drug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbimazole • Methimazole (Thiamazole) • Propylthiouracil

How do the Medications Work?

- They prevent the thyroid gland from producing excessive amounts of thyroid hormone, and restore normal metabolic activity.
- The dose will be adjusted according to blood tests done by your doctor, and may be changed at intervals during your treatment.
- Symptoms may improve in six to eight weeks.

How are the Medications Administered / Taken?

- Take the medication with or without food.
- Always take the dose as instructed by your doctor.
- If you miss a dose, take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, take only the usual dose. Do not double the dosage.

Can the Medications be Administered / Taken With Other Medications?

- Please inform your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking other medications, including supplements, traditional or herbal remedies.

What are the Important Side Effects of the drugs?

Rare but serious side effects	Management and advice
If you develop sore throat, mouth ulcers and fever	Stop taking the tablet and seek medical attention immediately.
If you develop tea-coloured (dark brown) urine, yellowing of your eyes or skin, abdominal pain	
If you develop skin rashes and itch	

Other common but minor side effects include nausea, stomach upset, change in taste, headache, muscle and joint pain.

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.