






Cyclosporine Drug Information

(For Transplant Patients)

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Generic Name	Brand Name	Dosage form	Appearance
Cyclosporine	Neoral	25 mg Capsule	
Cyclosporine	Neoral	100 mg Capsule	
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1. Why do I need this medicine ?

Combining with other medications to prevent organ rejection.

2. How is this drug best taken?

- (1) Twice daily (9am and 9pm once each). Take medicine as doctor's prescription. Take medicine on a consistent schedule with regard to time of day and relation to meals to minimize drug absorption effects.
- (2) Swallow capsules whole with water or other beverages, except grapefruit juice.

3. What are some things I need to know or do while I take this drug?

- (1) Store the medicine at room temperature (below 25°C). Do not store in the refrigerator or car. Capsules must be kept in the original packaging until needed to be taken. When a blister is opened, a characteristic smell is noticeable. This is normal and does not mean that there is anything wrong with the capsule.
- (2) Cyclosporine passes into breast milk. Mothers receiving treatment with this medicine should not breast-feed.
- (3) Much medicine, chinese herbs(including ginger duck soup and mutton hot pot) and health supplements may interact with cyclosporine. Do inform the coordinator before taking new medication or health supplements.

- (4) Brushing and flossing your teeth after meal. See your dentist regularly every six month. Tell the doctor if you have swollen gums.
- (5) This medicine may induce photosensitivity. Limit your exposure to sunlight and UV light. If you go out in the sun, wear a hat, appropriate protective clothing and sunscreen with a high protection factor.
- (6) Avoid grapefruit or grapefruit juice. As long as drinking a glass of 240mL grapefruit juice, the drug will be affected within four hours, and this effect will last for three days. Hence, the influence remains if you separate the time to take grapefruit juice from medicine (e.g., medicine in the morning and grapefruit at night)
- (7) To achieve the best drug efficacy and reduce side effects, please return regularly to monitor liver and kidney function and drug concentration. Return to appointments for regular check-up for liver function, kidney function and drug concentration.

*This leaflet cannot provide complete drug information.
Please consult doctors or pharmacist if you have any questions.
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