



Amiodarone

Drug	Brand Name	
▪ Amiodarone	▪ Cordarone	▪ Aratac
	▪ Cardinorm	▪ Gen Rx Amiodarone
		▪ Rithmik

What is it used for?

Amiodarone is used to prevent or control abnormal heart rhythms known as arrhythmias. It belongs to the class of drugs called *antiarrhythmics*.

How to take this drug

This medication must be taken regularly. If a dose is missed, only take the dose if you remember within three hours. If not, do not take the missed dose, and take the next dose when it is due normally. Do not take two doses at once. Try to take this drug with food.

Take this medication only as the directions say on the pharmacy label.

Before taking this medication it is important to tell your Doctor if you:

- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant
- Are breast feeding
- Have other heart problems the doctor is not aware of
- Have problems with your thyroid
- Are allergic or sensitive to iodine containing products

Side Effects

Side effects occur in some people taking this medication. If they are troublesome to you, speak to your doctor or Pharmacist.

- Nausea, vomiting, constipation
- Metallic taste, loss of appetite
- Headache, blurred vision
- Fatigue, unsteadiness
- Sensitivity to sunlight

If the following occur call your doctor immediately:

- **irregular heartbeat**
- **tremor**
- **shortness of breath**
- **continuing chest pain**

Other important facts

- you may require blood test, chest x-rays, ECG's and eye examinations
- tell your doctor or dentist you take this medication if you are requiring any operations or procedures
- use sunscreen and avoid lengthy periods in the sun
- tell your doctor if you develop shortness of breath, skin rashes or skin colour change
- never share your medicines with anyone
- keep the medicine out of reach of children

If you have any queries about your medications, talk to your Doctor or pharmacist.

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