

AMIKACIN
(*Am-i-case-in*)

Instructions For Clients Taking Amikacin

GENERIC NAME: Amikin

COMMON BRAND NAME: Amikacin

REASON FOR TAKING THIS MEDICATION:

- Amikacin is an antibiotic. It is used in combination with other medications to treat tuberculosis.

PROPER USE OF THIS MEDICATION:

- Amikacin is given once a day through intravenous catheter. This medication can be taken with or without food.
- It is very important that you keep taking this medicine for the full length of treatment or directed by your Physician even if you start to feel better.
- Take amikacin at the same time everyday. Do not miss a dose. If you miss a dose, take it as soon as possible. If it is almost time to take your next dose, do not take the missed dose, and do not take two doses at once.
- It is important to drink plenty of fluids while you are on this medication.
- Avoid excessive exposure to sunlight or artificial ultraviolet light while you are taking amikacin.
- Inform your doctor of any medical conditions you have, especially any current or past kidney problems.

ALL MEDICATIONS MAY CAUSE SOME UNDESIRABLE SYMPTOMS.

NOTIFY YOUR PHYSICIAN IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS PERSIST:

- Dizziness, loss of balance
- Ringing in ears, loss of hearing
- Numbness, tingling, itchiness
- Change in frequency of urination
- Increased thirst
- Decreased appetite
- Nausea/vomiting

HELPFUL HINTS:

- Avoid use of alcohol. It may keep this medicine from working and damage your liver.
- Amikacin is not recommended for use during pregnancy or breastfeeding. Tell your doctor if you think you may be pregnant.

KEEP ALL MEDICATIONS OUT THE SIGHT AND REACH OF CHILDREN.