

## Medication Guide Rifapentine (RIF a PEN teen) Tablets

Read this Medication Guide before you start taking rifapentine tablets and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking with your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment.

### What is the most important information I should know about rifapentine tablets?

**Rifapentine tablets may cause serious side effects, including:**

- **Liver problems.** Rifapentine tablets may cause serious liver problems. Your doctor may do a blood test to check your liver function before and while you take rifapentine tablets. Stop taking rifapentine tablets and call your doctor right away if you have any of the following signs and symptoms of liver problems:
  - o nausea
  - o stomach pain
  - o tiredness, yellowing skin or whites of your eyes
  - o vomiting
  - o loss of appetite
  - o dark urine
- **Allergic reactions and flu-like symptoms.** Allergic reactions and flu-like symptoms have happened in some people taking rifapentine tablets. Signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction may include:
  - o low blood pressure (hypotension)
  - o hives
  - o cough with wheezing
  - o difficulty breathing
  - o red eyes (conjunctivitis)
  - o lower blood platelet levels

Signs and symptoms of a flu-like reaction may include:

- o weakness
  - o nausea and vomiting
  - o chills
  - o itching
  - o shortness of breath
  - o fainting
  - o tiredness
  - o headache
  - o aches
  - o sweats
  - o chest pain
  - o fast heartbeat
  - o muscle pain
  - o fever
  - o rash
  - o dizziness
  - o cough
- **Severe skin reactions.** Serious skin reactions such as Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS) and drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms (DRESS) syndrome have happened in some people taking rifapentine tablets.

Stop taking rifapentine tablets right away and call your doctor or get emergency help if you have any of the following symptoms:

- o rash
- o peeling or bleeding skin
- o swollen face, lips, mouth tongue or throat
- o red and painful skin
- o sores or blisters on the inside of your mouth or lips
- o flu-like symptoms

### What are rifapentine tablets?

Rifapentine tablets are a prescription medicine used with other anti-tuberculosis (TB) medicines to:

- treat active tuberculosis disease of the lung in people age 12 years and older.
- prevent progression of inactive (latent) tuberculosis infection to active tuberculosis disease in people age 2 years and older.

Rifapentine tablets should not be used:

- alone to treat people with active or latent TB
- in people with active TB who had taken the medicines rifampin or isoniazid in the past and did not respond (resistant)
- in people who had been exposed to patients with TB that cannot be treated with isoniazid or rifampin

Rifapentine tablets are safe and effective in children older than 2 years of age who have inactive (latent TB), but it is not known if rifapentine tablets are safe and effective for use in the treatment of active TB in children under 12 years of age.

### Who should not take rifapentine tablets?

**Do not** take rifapentine tablets if you are allergic to a group of medicines called rifamycins.

### What should I tell my doctor before taking rifapentine tablets?

**Before taking rifapentine tablets, tell your doctor about all of your medical conditions, including if you:**

- have active TB disease.
- know that you have TB that is resistant to treatment with some medicines.
- have HIV infection or taking medicines to treat HIV infection.
- have liver problems.
- have a condition called porphyria.
- are pregnant or planning to become pregnant. It is not known if rifapentine tablets will harm your unborn baby.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if rifapentine passes into your breast milk. Talk to your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby while taking rifapentine tablets.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Using rifapentine tablets with other medicines may affect each other causing serious side effects. Rifapentine tablets may affect the way other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how rifapentine tablets works. Especially tell your doctor if you take medicines to treat HIV infection or oral contraceptives.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for a list of these medicines if you are not sure.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them to show your doctor or pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

### How should I take rifapentine tablets?

- Take rifapentine tablets exactly as your doctor tells you to take it.  
**It is important to take all of your rifapentine tablets and your other TB medicines. Do not skip doses.** Skipping doses may cause rifapentine tablets to not work as well and may increase the chance that your TB will not be treatable by rifapentine tablets or other medicines.

