

# Febuxostat

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## How to use this medication

### What is it



Febuxostat is a medication used to prevent attacks of gout. While taking this medicine it is important to have your blood tested occasionally.

### Take it every day



This medicine is taken once a day.

### Tablets



It comes in 40 & 80 mg tablets. The usual dose is one tablet (40 or 80 mg) taken once a day. Discuss your dose with your doctor.

### Be patient



It will take some time for the medicine to work. You may have flares of gout when starting. It is important to keep taking the medicine.

## What you need to do

### Get your blood tested



Have your blood tested **every month or two after you start the medicine**. This is important to make sure febuxostat isn't irritating your liver.

### Watch how much alcohol you drink



Drinking alcohol can flare your gout. It is best to avoid alcohol completely.

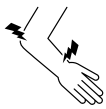
## Side effects & important facts

### Gout flare



When first started, febuxostat can increase gout flares. It is important to keep taking febuxostat. Your doctor can treat your flare of gout with different medicine.

### Joint pain



Febuxostat can cause aching in the joints. This is rare.

### Nausea



Febuxostat agrees with most people. Rarely it can cause an upset stomach.

### Skin rash



Febuxostat can rarely cause a rash. Stop the medicine and let your doctor know if you develop a rash. This is rare.

### Heart & stroke



All patients with gout and those taking febuxostat should be aware of the risk of heart attack and stroke. Discuss this with your doctor.

### Pregnancy & breastfeeding



Febuxostat has not been studied in pregnancy. Let your doctor know if you are planning to get pregnant or if you are breastfeeding.

### Drug interactions



You must not take azathioprine, mercaptopurine, or theophylline while taking febuxostat. Always check with your doctor or pharmacist before starting any new medication.

## When should I call my doctor

### Please call if you need to stop



- If you feel sick and want to stop
- If you are concerned about any side effects
- If you want to or have already stopped the medicine

### Other reasons to call your doctor:



Rash



Flare of  
gout



Pregnant or planning  
pregnancy

## Other important information

### Stopping febuxostat



You can simply stop taking febuxostat. You do not need to wean off it. Please call your doctor if you stop the medication.