

## ETHAMBUTOL

*eth-am-bew-tol*

### What does it do?

*Ethambutol* is used to treat tuberculosis.

### Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you have kidney or eye problems, or gout.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.

### How should you take it?

Take *ethambutol* regularly as directed with a glass of water.

Keep taking *ethambutol* until the course is finished, even if you start to feel better.

### What if you forget a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as possible. If it is close to the time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and carry on as normal. Do not take two doses at the same time. If you often forget to take *ethambutol*, your tuberculosis may not be fully treated.

### Can you take other medicines?

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products or recreational drugs.

### What side effects might you notice?

| Side Effects      | Recommended action              |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Changes in vision | Tell your doctor immediately    |
| Stomach upset     | Tell your doctor if troublesome |

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.

### Other information:

- Do not stop taking *ethambutol* without talking to your doctor first.