

## CellCept (Mycophenolate Mofetil)

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CellCept is an immunosuppressant medication used to treat various inflammatory conditions of the skin. It works by reducing the hyper-active immune response causing your skin eruption.

**How to use:** Take this medication on an empty stomach, one hour before or two hours after meals. Swallow the medication whole. Do not crush or chew.

### Warning:

1. Mycophenolate may decrease the body's ability to fight illness or infection. This may result in serious, possibly fatal **infections**.
2. This medicine may increase the **risk of developing lymph node tumors** (lymphoma). Therefore, this medicine must only be given under close medical supervision.
3. A rare but fatal side effect called Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy (PML) has been reported in patients on CellCept. Signs of this can include Vision change, Speech problems, Weakness, Confusion, Numbness, Loss of coordination (among other neurological symptoms).

**Notify your doctor immediately if you develop signs of infection (such as persistent sore throat or fever), weight loss, night sweats, enlarged lymph nodes, unusual neurological symptoms or skin growths.**

**FOR WOMEN: DO NOT USE THIS MEDICINE IF YOU ARE PREGNANT.**

**Women will need to enroll in the CellCept Pregnancy registry (REMS)**

**Medication interactions:** Some medicines or medical conditions may interact with this medicine. **DO NOT TAKE THIS MEDICINE** if you are also taking **cholestyramine, colestipol, or azathioprine**. **ADDITIONAL MONITORING OF YOUR DOSE OR CONDITION** may be needed if you are taking acyclovir, ganciclovir, or birth control pills. Inform your doctor of any other medical conditions including stomach or intestine problems, ulcers, Lesch-Nyhan syndrome, Kelley-Seegmiller syndrome, allergies, pregnancy, or breast-feeding.

**Side effects:** CellCept may cause increased **sensitivity to the sun**. Avoid exposure to the sun, sunlamps, or tanning booths. Use a sunscreen with a high SPF or wear protective clothing if you must be outside for a prolonged period. **SIDE EFFECTS** that may occur while taking this medicine include **loss of appetite**, mild to moderate **stomach pain, nausea**, vomiting, diarrhea, constipation, weakness, shakiness, or muscle pain. If they continue or are bothersome, check with your doctor. **CHECK WITH YOUR DOCTOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** if you experience **skin rash**; itching; fever; sore throat; swelling of hands, ankles, or feet; leg pain; frequent urination; blood in urine; unusual bruising or bleeding; swollen glands; unusual lumps or growths; severe vomiting and stomach pain; bloody or black stools; or vomiting blood of material that looks like coffee grounds. **AN ALLERGIC REACTION** to this medicine is unlikely, but seek immediate medical attention if it occurs. Symptoms of an allergic reaction include rash, itching, swelling, dizziness, or trouble breathing. If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor.

**NOTE: This is not a comprehensive information sheet. If you desire complete drug information, contact the pharmacist or refer to the "package insert".**