



Pharmacy

Gentamicin: Important Patient Information

What is Gentamicin and what is it used for?

Gentamicin is an antibiotic used to treat certain infections.

Why have I been give this leaflet?

Gentamicin can, **very rarely**, damage your ears, leading to hearing and balance problems. You are more likely to experience ear problems if you receive more than 1 week of gentamicin treatment, and if you already have underlying problems with your hearing.

Please let the clinical team know (Doctor, pharmacist, nurse) if you experience any of these:

- Changes in your hearing (especially not hearing high pitched sounds)
- Ringing in the ears
- Changes in vision eg blurred or double vision, objects appearing to move back and forth or up and down across your vision
- Changes in balance or co-ordination
- Feeling or being sick (nausea or vomiting)
- Flickering eye movements
- Spinning sensation
- Feeling dizzy

You may be asked to go for a hearing test to detect any changes in your hearing.

Contact Numbers:

We hope that you have found this information useful. If you have any questions or are worried about anything, please speak to a member of the pharmacy team on **01305 253422**

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