

### **Common uses**

This medicine is an anti-infective used to treat infections.

### **Adverse Effects**

Most severe adverse effect is dose-related CNS toxicity. High doses have caused lethargy, CNS depression, ataxia, vomiting, and weakness. Metronidazole may be mutagenic.

### **Contraindications, Precautions, and Drug Interactions**

Fetal abnormalities have not been demonstrated in animals with recommended doses, but use with caution during pregnancy.

### **Instructions for Use**

Metronidazole is one of the most commonly used drugs for anaerobic infections. It is effective for giardiasis; other drugs used for Giardia infection include albendazole, fenbendazole, and quinacrine. Maximum dose that should be administered is 50-65 mg/kg, every 24 hours, in any species. Tablets have been broken or crushed for oral administration to cats; however, cats find these unpalatable.