

Medication Information

Ertapenem – Intravenous (IV) (Er – ta – PEN – em)

Other names for this medication

Invanz[®]

While taking this medication you may notice:

- nausea
- vomiting
- diarrhea
- headache

Contact your health care provider right away or go to the emergency department if you notice:

- severe diarrhea and/or abdominal pain
- no improvement or worsening of your infection
- a temperature higher than 38°C (100.4°F)
- skin rash or hives
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- swelling of hands, face, throat, tongue or lips
- seizures or convulsions
- agitation, confusion and/or disorientation

This medication information handout does not list all possible unwanted effects. Keep track of changes after you start taking this medication and report any unwanted effects to your health care provider.

Common medications that interact with ertapenem

Use caution with valproic acid while taking ertapenem. You may need to have bloodwork done to check the levels of valproic acid while on ertapenem.

Speak to your pharmacist or health care provider if you take this medication.

Pregnancy: Ertapenem is generally safe for use during pregnancy. If you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant, talk to your health care provider about the risks and benefits of taking this medication.

Breastfeeding: A small amount of ertapenem passes into breast milk. Please discuss the risks and benefits of taking this medication with your health care provider.

Children: Ertapenem is safe for use with infants, children and adolescents.