

# Medication Information

## Meropenem- Intravenous (IV) (Mer – oh – PEN – em)

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### Other names for this medication

Merrem®

### While taking this medication you may notice:

- nausea
- diarrhea
- vomiting
- headache
- rash and/or itchiness

### 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
- worsening skin rash or hives
- a temperature higher than 38°C (100.4°F)
- 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 meropenem**

Use caution with valproic acid while taking meropenem. You may need to check drug levels of this medication while on meropenem.

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

**Pregnancy:** Meropenem is possibly safe for use in 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 meropenem passes into breast milk. Please discuss the risks and benefits of taking this medication with your health care provider.

**Children:** Meropenem is safe to use with infants, children and adolescents.