

Medication Information

Piperacillin and Tazobactam – Intravenous (IV) (Pi – PER – a – sil – in & ta – zoe – BAK – tam)

Other names for this medication

Zosyn
Tazocin

While taking this medication you may notice:

- nausea
- upset stomach
- diarrhea
- constipation
- headache
- rash and/or itchiness
- difficulty sleeping

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

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

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 piperacillin and tazobactam

Use caution with vitamin K antagonists such as warfarin, while taking piperacillin and tazobactam.

Your health care provider may ask you to get your INR checked more often as this antibiotic can change the way warfarin is broken down by your body.

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

Pregnancy: Piperacillin and tazobactam 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 piperacillin and tazobactam passes into breast milk. Please discuss the risks and benefits of taking this medication with your health care provider.

Children: Piperacillin and tazobactam is safe to use with infants, children and adolescents.