Azathioprine

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What this medication is used for

Widely used for children and adults with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis.



How this medication works

Azathioprine impacts the immune system to reduce inflammation.



How to use this medication

Available as a tablet

- -Generally given once daily
- -It can take 6 -12 weeks to work. Keep taking your medication.



Where treatment is administered

Fill your prescription at your pharmacy.



Special tests done prior to starting

Blood tests may be done prior to starting.

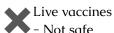


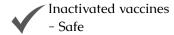
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This medication will be used to get your IBD under control and keep it under control long-term. Other medications may be used with Azathioprine.



Vaccines







Monitoring during treatment

- -Regular blood work will be done to monitor for side effects to medication. The frequency of the blood work will be determined by your healthcare team.
- -Stool tests, endoscopy and/or other imaging will be done to monitor for response to medication.
- The amount of azathioprine in your blood can be monitored to make sure you are taking enough and not taking too much.



Side Effects

- -Nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain may occur. Take with food to lessen these side effects.
- -Temporary hair loss, skin rashes, inflammation of pancreas and liver, and decreased bone marrow function may occur
- -Medications that affect the immune system may be associated with developing infections and very rarely cancer.
- -For patients with increased risk for skin cancer, exposure to sunlight and UV light should be limited, and patients should wear protective clothing and use a sunscreen with a high protection factor.



When I should call my doctor

Please call if:

- -You want to or have already stopped the medicine
- -If you are concerned about any side effects

Other reasons to call your doctor:

- -If you have a fever or think you have an infection
- -If you become pregnant
- -Nausea, vomiting or abdominal pain