

THIS IS ONLY A DRILL!!!

ANTHRAX DRILL

POST EXPOSURE PROPHYLLAXIS DRUGS

CIPROFLAXIN 500 MG. TABLETS (Cipro)

You have been given this drug to prevent potential Anthrax infection after a biohazard alarm in your facility. Begin taking this medicine immediately and continue until instructed to stop. You will be informed if you need an additional supply of the drug if Anthrax is positively confirmed in the facility.

Cipro belongs to a class of drugs called quinolone antibiotics. It is approved by the Centers for Disease Control to protect people who have been exposed to anthrax spores.

How to take Cipro

Dosage: Take 1 tablet every 12 hours

- Take Cipro 2 hours before or after a meal with at least one glass of water. If an upset stomach occurs, Cipro may be taken with food.
- Avoid dairy products (milk or yogurt) for at least 3 hours before and after taking Cipro.
- Avoid vitamins or antacids (Tums or Maalox) for at least 6 hours before or 2 hours after taking Cipro.
- If you miss a dose, start taking 1 pill every 12 hours. Do not take 2 pills to make up for the missed dose.
- Finish your pills, even if you feel okay, unless your doctor tells you to stop. If you stop this medicine too soon you may become ill.

Side Effects

- Common side effects of this drug include upset stomach, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, dizziness, or headache.
- Less common side effects include pain in the arms or legs, changes in vision, restlessness, ringing in the ears or mental changes.
- If any of these symptoms occur, call your doctor immediately.

Allergic Reactions are rare.

- Signs of an allergic reaction are rash, itching, swelling of the tongue, hands, or feet, fever, or trouble breathing.
- If any of these occur, call your doctor immediately.

Precautions

- If this drug makes you dizzy, use caution driving or doing tasks that require you to be alert. Avoid alcohol, which will make dizziness worse.
- Cipro can make skin sensitive to the sun, which increases the chance of severe sunburn. Avoid the sun and wear long sleeves and a hat when outside. Always use sunscreen (30 SPF).

If you have questions call your doctor or 800-xxx-xxxx