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## Medication Fact Sheet - Rifapentine

It is important to take this medication for the full time of treatment, even if you begin to feel better after a few weeks. It is important that you do not miss any doses. If you do miss a dose, take it as soon as possible. However, if it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. DO NOT double dose.

### **To store medication:**

- Keep out of the reach of children
- Store away from heat and direct light
- Do not store in the bathroom, near the kitchen sink, or in damp places. Heat or moisture may cause the medicine to break down.

### **How to take this medication:**

- Take on an empty stomach with a glass of water
- If stomach irritation occurs, take with food.

This drug **will** turn your urine, stool, sputum, and tears **orange** and can stain contact lenses and dentures. Tell your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist if you are taking ANY medications, even drugs you can buy without a prescription. In particular tell them if you take birth control pills, Coumadin, Warfarin, Theophylline, Methadone, Dilantin, Digoxin, or medicine for HIV, seizures, or heart conditions, and or arthritis. Before taking rifapentine, tell your doctor if you have porphyria. (INH/Rifapentine 12-Dose Medication Authorization Form - see the *TB Manual*;

**Appendices/Sample Forms located at:**

**<http://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/tuberculosis/tbmanual/index.php>**

### **Possible side effects of medication:**

Tiredness	Rash
Itching	Stomach pain
Sore muscles	Fever
Vomiting	Weight loss
Diarrhea	Yellow skin or eyes
Chills	Bone or muscle pain
Loss of appetite	Nausea
Pale Skin	Easy Bleeding or Bruising

The possible side effects of this medication prescribed by the doctor, has been explained to me and I understand. I will call the doctor or nurse immediately if I have any questions or symptoms.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness: \_\_\_\_\_