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# Furadantin

**Generic name:** [Nitrofurantoin Oral Suspension](#) [ nye-troe-fyoor-AN-toyn ]

**Drug class:** [Urinary anti-infectives](#)

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## Uses of Furadantin:

- It is used to treat or prevent a [urinary tract infection](#) (UTI).

## What do I need to tell my doctor BEFORE I take Furadantin?

For all patients taking [Furadantin](#) ([nitrofurantoin](#) oral suspension):

- If you have an [allergy](#) to nitrofurantoin or any other part of Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension).
- If you are allergic to Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension); any part of Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension); or any other drugs, foods, or substances. Tell your doctor about the allergy and what signs you had.
- If you have kidney disease.
- If you have trouble passing urine.
- If Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension) caused liver problems before.
- If you are more than 38 weeks pregnant.
- If you are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed.

Children:

- If your child is younger than 1 month of age. Do not give Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension) to an infant younger than 1 month of age.

This is not a list of all drugs or health problems that interact with Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension).

Tell your doctor and pharmacist about all of your drugs (prescription or OTC, natural products, [vitamins](#)) and health problems. You must check to make sure that it is safe for you to take Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension) with all of your drugs and health problems. Do not start, stop, or change the dose of any drug without checking with your doctor.

## What are some things I need to know or do while I take Furadantin?

- Tell all of your health care providers that you take Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension). This includes your doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and dentists.
- Be careful if you have G6PD deficiency. Anemia may happen.
- This medicine may affect certain lab tests. Tell all of your health care providers and lab workers that you take Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension).
- Do not use longer than you have been told. A second [infection](#) may happen.
- Very bad and sometimes deadly lung problems have rarely happened with Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension). Most of the time, this happens in people who are taking Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension) for 6 months or longer. Lung problems may happen without warning signs. If you take Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension) for a long time, your doctor will watch your lung function. Call your doctor right away if you have fever, chills, chest pain, a cough that is not normal, or trouble breathing or other breathing problems.
- If you are 65 or older, use Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension) with care. You could have more side effects.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan on getting pregnant. You will need to talk about the benefits and risks of using Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension) while you are pregnant.

## How is this medicine (Furadantin) best taken?

Use Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension) as ordered by your doctor. Read all information given to you. Follow all instructions closely.

- Take Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension) with food.
- Keep taking Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension) as you have been told by your doctor or other health care provider, even if you feel well.
- Drink lots of noncaffeine liquids unless told to drink less liquid by your doctor.
- Do not take [antacids](#) that have magnesium trisilicate in them with Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension).
- Shake well before use.
- Measure liquid doses carefully. Use the measuring device that comes with Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension). If there is none, ask the pharmacist for a device to measure Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension).

### What do I do if I miss a dose?

- Take a missed dose as soon as you think about it.
- If it is close to the time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your normal time.
- Do not take 2 doses at the same time or extra doses.

 [Detailed Furadantin dosage information](#)

## What are some side effects that I need to call my doctor about right away?

WARNING/CAUTION: Even though it may be rare, some people may have very bad and sometimes deadly side effects

when taking a drug. Tell your doctor or get medical help right away if you have any of the following signs or symptoms that may be related to a very bad side effect:

- Signs of an allergic reaction, like rash; hives; [itching](#); red, swollen, blistered, or peeling skin with or without fever; [wheezing](#); tightness in the chest or throat; trouble breathing, swallowing, or talking; unusual hoarseness; or swelling of the mouth, face, lips, tongue, or throat.
- Signs of a pancreas problem ([pancreatitis](#)) like very bad stomach pain, very bad [back pain](#), or very bad [upset stomach](#) or throwing up.
- Signs of lupus like a rash on the cheeks or other body parts, [sunburn](#) easy, muscle or [joint pain](#), chest pain or [shortness of breath](#), or swelling in the arms or legs.
- Not able to control eye movements.
- Feeling very tired or weak.
- [Diarrhea](#) is common with [antibiotics](#). Rarely, a severe form called C diff–associated diarrhea (CDAD) may happen. Sometimes, this has led to a deadly bowel problem (colitis). CDAD may happen during or a few months after taking antibiotics. Call your doctor right away if you have stomach pain, cramps, or very loose, watery, or bloody stools. Check with your doctor before treating diarrhea.
- Liver problems have rarely happened with Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension). Sometimes, this has been deadly. Call your doctor right away if you have signs of liver problems like dark urine, feeling tired, not hungry, upset stomach or stomach pain, light-colored stools, throwing up, or yellow skin or eyes.
- Nerve problems have happened with Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension). Sometimes, these nerve problems have been very bad, have not gone away, or have been deadly. The chance of nerve problems may be higher in people who have kidney problems, anemia, [diabetes](#), electrolyte problems, or low vitamin B. Call your doctor right away if you have a burning, numbness, or tingling feeling that is not normal.

 [Furadantin side effects](#) (more detail)

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## What are some other side effects of Furadantin?

All drugs may cause side effects. However, many people have no side effects or only have minor side effects. Call your doctor or get medical help if any of these side effects or any other side effects bother you or do not go away:

- [Headache](#).
- Upset stomach or throwing up.
- Not hungry.
- Stomach pain or diarrhea.
- Feeling dizzy, sleepy, tired, or weak.
- Some people have had [hair loss](#) with Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension). This went back to normal when Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension) was stopped.
- This medicine may change the color of the urine to brown. This is normal and not harmful.

These are not all of the side effects that may occur. If you have questions about side effects, call your doctor. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects.

You may report side effects to the FDA at 1-800-332-1088. You may also report side effects at <https://www.fda.gov/medwatch>.

## If OVERDOSE is suspected:

If you think there has been an overdose, call your poison control center or get medical care right away. Be ready to tell or show what was taken, how much, and when it happened.

## How do I store and/or throw out Furadantin?

- Store at room temperature.
- Store in a dry place. Do not store in a bathroom.
- Keep all drugs in a safe place. Keep all drugs out of the reach of children and pets.
- Throw away unused or expired drugs. Do not flush down a toilet or pour down a drain unless you are told to do so. Check with your pharmacist if you have questions about the best way to throw out drugs. There may be drug take-back programs in your area.
- Store in original container.
- Do not freeze.
- Protect from light.
- Throw away any unused portion after 30 days.

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- If your symptoms or health problems do not get better or if they become worse, call your doctor.
- Do not share your drugs with others and do not take anyone else's drugs.
- Some drugs may have another patient information leaflet. Check with your pharmacist. If you have any questions about Furadantin (nitrofurantoin oral suspension), please talk with your doctor, nurse, pharmacist, or other health care provider.
- If you think there has been an overdose, call your poison control center or get medical care right away. Be ready to tell or show what was taken, how much, and when it happened.

## Frequently asked questions

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#### Availability

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#### CSA Schedule\*

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 Drug history at FDA



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