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Pyrantel

Generic name: pyrantel [*pie-RAN-tell*]**Brand names:** [Pin-Away](#), [Pinworm Medicine](#), Antiminth, [Pin-X](#), [Ascarel](#), Pinworm Caplets**Dosage form:** oral suspension (base 50 mg/mL)**Drug class:** [Anthelmintics](#)[Medically reviewed](#) by Drugs.com on Aug 10, 2023. Written by [Cerner Multum](#).[Uses](#) [Side effects](#) [Warnings](#) [Before taking](#) [Dosage](#) [Interactions](#) [FAQ](#)

What is pyrantel?

Pyrantel is an "anthelmintic," or anti-worm, medication. It prevents worms from growing or multiplying in your body.

Pyrantel is used to treat infections caused by [pinworms](#).

Pyrantel may also be used for purposes not listed in this medication guide.

Pyrantel side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have **signs of an allergic reaction**: hives; difficult breathing; swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

Pyrantel may cause serious side effects. Stop using pyrantel and call your doctor at once if you have:

- severe stomach pain, [nausea](#), [vomiting](#), or [diarrhea](#);
- severe dizziness; or
- ongoing [headache](#).

Common side effects of pyrantel may include:

- stomach pain, nausea, vomiting;
- diarrhea; or
- headache.

This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

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Follow all directions on your medicine label and package. Tell each of your healthcare providers about all your medical conditions, allergies, and all medicines you use.

Before taking this medicine

You should not use pyrantel if you are allergic to it, or if you have:

- [liver disease](#).

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

Pyrantel should not be given to a child younger than 2 years old.

How should I take pyrantel?

Use exactly as directed on the label, or as prescribed by your doctor.

You may take pyrantel with or without food. pyrantel may be taken with milk or juice.

Shake the **oral suspension** (liquid) before you measure a dose. Use the dosing syringe provided, or use a medicine dose-measuring device (not a kitchen spoon).

Pyrantel doses are based on weight. Carefully follow all dosing instructions.

Using a laxative will not make pyrantel work better or faster. Tell your doctor if you are constipated.

Call your doctor if you still see pinworms or have symptoms after taking this medicine.

If you live with other people, all members of the household may need to be treated with pyrantel. Pinworm can spread easily to anyone who has close contact with you. **Always follow directions on the medicine label about giving this medicine to a child.**

Store at room temperature away from moisture and heat.

 [Detailed Pyrantel dosage information](#)

What happens if I miss a dose?

Pyrantel is used as a single dose and does not have a daily dosing schedule.

What happens if I overdose?

Seek emergency medical attention or call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222.

What should I avoid while taking pyrantel?

Avoid driving or hazardous activity until you know how pyrantel will affect you. Your reactions could be impaired.

What other drugs will affect pyrantel?

Other drugs may affect pyrantel, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, [vitamins](#), and [herbal products](#). Tell your doctor about all your current medicines and any medicine you start or stop using.

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Further information


Remember, keep this and all other medicines out of the reach of children, never share your medicines with others, and use this medication only for the indication prescribed.

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CSA Schedule*
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