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Taking Xifaxan safely

rifaximin · travelers' diarrhea · hepatic encephalopathy · IBS with diarrhea

3 MISTAKES TO AVOID

1 Using the wrong schedule
Travelers' diarrhea: 3x/day for 3 days. IBS-D: 3x/day for 14 days. HE: 2x/day, ongoing.

2 Continuing it when it isn't helping
Stop and call your doctor if diarrhea worsens or lasts more than 1-2 days.

3 Not flagging allergies or other medicines
A past rifamycin allergy means never take Xifaxan; tell your doctor about warfarin or cyclosporine.

Your schedule depends on why you take it

- **Travelers' diarrhea:** 200 mg 3 times a day for 3 days, then stop.
- **Hepatic encephalopathy:** 550 mg twice a day, ongoing — not a short course.
- **IBS with diarrhea:** 550 mg 3 times a day for 14 days. Your doctor may repeat this up to 2 more times if symptoms return.

If it isn't helping

- For travelers' diarrhea, stop Xifaxan and call your doctor if symptoms worsen or last more than 1-2 days.
- New watery diarrhea, even up to 2 months after finishing Xifaxan, needs a call to your doctor.

Missed a dose?

- The label gives no missed-dose rule. Ask your pharmacist or doctor what to do, and never take 2 doses at once.

IMPORTANT
Never take Xifaxan if you ever had a serious reaction to rifaximin, rifampin, rifabutin, or rifapentine.

Tell your doctor about

- **Pregnancy** — Xifaxan caused birth defects in animal studies; there is no human data.
- **Warfarin** — Xifaxan can affect your blood test (INR); your dose may need adjusting.
- **Cyclosporine** — can raise Xifaxan levels in your body; your doctor will watch you more closely.

Call your doctor right away if you notice

- A new rash with blistering or peeling, or unexplained muscle pain, especially with liver disease

EMERGENCY: CALL 911
Hives, swelling of the face or throat, or trouble breathing: get medical help right away.

Questions? Ask Dr. Mike at fairviewpharm.com/medications

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