



Treatment & medication

6-Mercaptopurine

Other names: 6-MP, Puri-Nethol®, Xaluprine®.

What is it and how does it work?

A medicine that inhibits cell division (cytostatic drug).

What does it look like and how is it given?

A tablet or suspension that is taken by mouth (oral).

Short-term side effects (within 24 hours)

- Nausea and vomiting
- Skin changes (red rash)

Long-term side effects

- Decrease in the number of white blood cells (5 days to 6 weeks after administration)
- Inflammation of the mucous membranes of the mouth
- Liver damage

Special instructions

- If your child vomits within 30 minutes after taking the medicine, please check prinsesmaximacentrum.nl/regimens under the heading 'Medicine' to see what you should do.
- Warn the doctor or nurse if you notice any skin changes or if your child complains about itching.

Specifics

- Blood will be sampled regularly to check how the liver is working.
- Mercaptopurine can be taken with or without food.



Please note: the total daily dose can consist of a combination of tablets.

This card lists the most common side effects and specifics of this medicine. If you want a complete list, please ask the doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.