

## Renal Services

# Isoniazid: Information for kidney transplant patients

### What is it used for?

When your immune system is suppressed you will become more prone to infections. You may be at risk of tuberculosis (TB) infection, a type of chest infection, if you have previously had TB in the past. Isoniazid is used to prevent this infection.

### How does it work?

It works by preventing TB bacteria levels from increasing and causing infection.

### How do I take it?

Not everyone will need to take isoniazid; your doctor will decide whether you need this treatment depending on whether you are considered to be at risk. You will take two tablets daily for the first 9 months following your transplant. Isoniazid is available as 100mg tablets.

### Are there any side effects?

- You may experience an upset stomach with sickness
- You may get a dry mouth or constipation
- You may experience a 'tingling' sensation in your hands and feet. Your doctor will give you tablets to prevent this

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