

## Patient information

### Advice for Patients Prescribed Carbimazole or Propylthiouracil

Aintree Hospital Diabetes and Endocrinology Department

The tablet you have been started on is very effective and safe, but there are rare side-effects you need to know about.

If you develop a generalised skin rash you may be allergic to the drug.

You do not need to stop treatment, but should see a doctor as soon as possible, as you may need an alternative tablet.

Very occasionally, the tablet can lower the white blood count and make you prone to infection. **If you develop a severe sore throat or marked fever, you should stop the tablet immediately and see a doctor urgently (if necessary go to an A&E department),** as you will need a blood test to check your white cell level.

Take this leaflet with you and show it to the doctor.

- **Propylthiouracil**

Very rarely Propylthiouracil can cause liver injury. If you notice yellowing of the eyes or skin, see your doctor immediately.

- **Carbimazole**

Rarely Carbimazole has been linked to acute pancreatitis, which can cause severe abdominal pain and vomiting. If you experience these symptoms please stop the medication and attend A&E for assessment.

Women of childbearing potential should use effective contraception during treatment with carbimazole.

Carbimazole should be stopped in pregnancy and treatment with alternative medication should be considered and supervised in hospital specialist clinics.

**If you become pregnant please contact your hospital specialist thyroid doctor immediately.**

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The British Thyroid Foundation is a registered charity: England and Wales

No 1006391, Scotland SC046037

The British Thyroid Association - medical professionals encouraging the highest standards in patient care and research in the UK  
[www.british-thyroid-association.org](http://www.british-thyroid-association.org)

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