

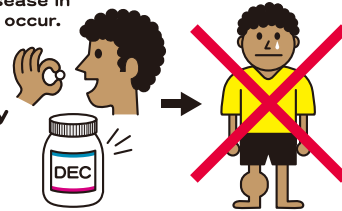
What are DEC Tablets?

What DEC Tablets are and what they are used for

- DEC Tablets contain the active substance diethylcarbamazine citrate, which acts against parasitic worms that cause lymphatic filariasis*.

*Lymphatic filariasis is a severely debilitating and disfiguring disease in which swelling of legs, arms, female breasts or male genitals may occur.

- DEC should be taken annually with albendazole through mass drug administration (MDA) in order to effectively interrupt transmission of the disease. MDA should be continued for 4-6 years to fully prevent transmission of disease.

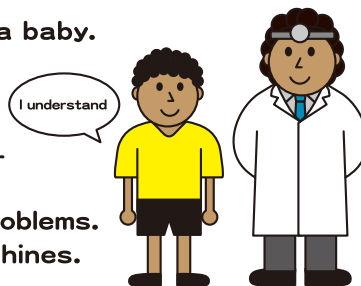


Don't take DEC Tablets

- if you have previously had river blindness (onchocerciasis) involving your eyes.

Consult with your healthcare provider before taking DEC Tablets

- if you are pregnant, breast-feeding, may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby.
- if you have an underlying worm infection.
- if you are taking or have recently taken other medicines.
- if you have a history of epilepsy or suffer from convulsions (fits).
- if you are elderly or have heart or kidney problems.
- if you plan to drive or use any tools or machines.
- if you have an intolerance to some sugars.



Possible side effects

Like all medicines, DEC Tablets can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Nausea

Vomiting

Abdominal pain

Diarrhea

Loss of appetite

Muscle pain

Dizziness

Drowsiness

Fatigue

Headache

*In patients with an underlying worm infection, side effects may be different from those described here and/or more serious. If you do develop one or more serious side effects, please consult with your healthcare provider. For more information, please refer to the full patient information leaflet, Patient Information Leaflet: Information for the User. <http://apps.who.int/brqual/whopar/whoparproducts/NT002part3v1.pdf>