

Mycophenolic acid

Other names: Cellcept®, MMF®, mycofenolate, MyFortic®.

What is it and how does it work?

A medicine that is given to prevent rejection following transplantation or to treat auto-immune conditions.

What does it look like and how is it given?

- A solution, tablet or capsule that is taken by mouth (oral). Can be taken with or without food.
- A clear liquid that is administered as an infusion into a vein (intravenous), over two hours

Short-term side effects (within 24 hours)

- Inflammation of the vein at the site of administration (in case of peripheral intravenous administration)
- Thrombosis (in case of peripheral intravenous administration)

Long-term side effects

- Diarrhea
- Infections
- Decrease in the number of white and red blood cells

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.
- The skin is more sensitive to sunburn. Avoid the sun and use sunscreen with a high sun protection factor (SPF).

Specifics

Blood will be sampled regularly to check the levels of mycophenolic acid in the blood and to possibly adjust the dose. When that happens, your child may only take the medication **after** the blood test.