

Mycophenolate mofetil (CellCept[®], Myfortic)

Uses:

CellCept[®] is used to prevent or treat rejection. It suppresses the body's immune response to the transplanted heart.

Schedule:

CellCept[®] is taken twice a day. Each dose should be taken 12 hours apart, for example 9:00 am and 9:00 pm.

Dose Changes:

Your CellCept[®] dose will be decreased over time based on normal biopsy results. You will be on the highest doses immediately following transplant. You will be on this medication for the rest of your life unless you have intolerable side effects.

Possible Side Effects of CellCept:

- Stomach discomfort
- Nausea/vomiting
- Increase or decrease in white blood cells
- Increased risk of infection
- Electrolyte abnormalities
- Diarrhea
- Decrease in platelets
- Decrease in red blood cells
- Increase in blood sugar

Special Notes:

CellCept[®] comes in capsules or tablets. The capsules and tablets should NOT be open or crushed. Women of childbearing age should use birth control while taking CellCept[®] as this drug may cause fetal harm when taken during pregnancy. Check with your transplant coordinator for any drug interactions before taking any new medications.