Active ingredients (generic names)	CLINDAMYCIN (clin-da-my-sin) Other lincosamides Not included in this monograph — see AMH for information: • Lincomycin
What it is used for	 Dental and oral problems Cellulitis Injuries - soft tissue Mastitis and breast abscess Premature rupture of membranes Bites Injuries - head Injuries - spear and knife (stab) wounds
How it works	 Antibiotic that stops the bacteria cell from making proteins so it can't grow Different germs need different antibiotics. If not sure which one to use — check with doctor
Side effects	Diarrhoea Nausea and vomiting Abdominal pain Rash Itch

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• If patient likely to be intubated, make sure doctor knows they have been taking clindamycin

Interactions — Do not use together without medical consult CLINDAMYCIN with

• Some medicines used when intubating patients

Tell the patient



 Take all the medicine — makes sure all the germs are gone and the infection doesn't come back



Finish medicine
— even if you
feel better



Take with large glass of water



Return to clinic straight away if you get diarrhoea — stop taking medicine

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 Follow-up when antibiotic treatment finished to make sure infection is gone. If not — medical consult





Blood test if using for a long time — check kidney function (UEC), liver function tests (LFT), FBC