

Rifampin (RIF)

Patient Handout

- ✓ Take RIF at night before bedtime (*1 hr before or 2 hours after eating*).
- ✓ If the medication upsets your stomach, you may take it with a snack.
- ✓ Your urine, tears and sweat will turn orange. **THIS IS NORMAL.** Soft contacts may be damaged.
- ✓ RIF may decrease the effectiveness of some medications (oral contraceptives, for example).

DO NOT:

- ✓ consume alcohol while taking RIF.
- ✓ use Tylenol (acetaminophen) or any medications containing this drug while you are on RIF.

Stop taking Rifampin and tell your TB nurse if:

- ✓ you are taking other drugs (and also your doctor and the pharmacist if you are about to start another drug).
- ✓ you become pregnant while taking RIF, **and talk to your doctor.**
- ✓ you have: loss of appetite, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, stomach pain, light-colored stools, brown urine, yellow-tinted skin or eyes; you develop a rash or fever.

If you have any problems or questions, call: _____