Rifabutin e-275 Tablets are a combination of four first line agents used in the treatment of tuberculosis. Rifabutin is semi-synthetic, broad-spectrum bactericidal antibiotic, isolated from a synthetic, antitubercular agent which is bacteriostatic against bacille Dunali and bactericidal against acid-fast mycobacteria. Ethambutol is a synthetic, bacteriostatic antitubercular agent. All agents are readily absorbed following oral administration, with wide distribution to most tissues and fluids including cerebrospinal fluid.

INDICATIONS: Initial phase treatment of pulmonary and extrapulmonary tuberculosis in new adult patients and re-treatment of adult cases.

CONTRA·INDICATIONS: Rifabutin e-275 Tablets are contra-indicated in: patients with hypersensitivity to rifabutin, isoniazid, pyrazinamide, ethambutol or other chemically-related medicines; the presence of jaundice or active hepatic disease; patients with optic neuritis; patients with impaired renal function; children under 13 years of age.

Rifabutin e-275 is contra·indicated when given concurrently with any of the following medicines:

- Pyridoxine: Rifabutin can cause thrombocytopenia and purpura usually with intermittent renal impairment, for patients because of renal impairment is discontinued as soon as purpura occurs. Centrally mediated and fatal haemorrhage has been reported when rifabutin administration has been continued or resumed after the appearance of purpura. Disseminated intravascular coagulation has also been reported. Oedema and hypokalaemia have also been reported.
- Cyclophosphamide: The following side effects have been reported and the frequencies are unknown.
- Bacillus Calmette-Guérin (BCG): Rifabutin e-275 has been reported to reduce the risk of tuberculosis in patients with compromised immunity.
- Osteo·arthritis: Squamous cell carcinoma: The following side effects have been reported and the frequencies are unknown.
- Hepatitis B: The following side effects have been reported and the frequencies are unknown.
- Hepatitis C: The following side effects have been reported and the frequencies are unknown.
- Gastrointestinal disorders: The following side effects have been reported and the frequencies are unknown.
- General disorders: The following side effects have been reported and the frequencies are unknown.
- Musculoskeletal disorders: The following side effects have been reported and the frequencies are unknown.
- Skin and appendages: The following side effects have been reported and the frequencies are unknown.
- Vision disorders: The following side effects have been reported and the frequencies are unknown.
- Adverse reactions: The following side effects have been reported and the frequencies are unknown.
- Reproductive system and breast disorders: The following side effects have been reported and the frequencies are unknown.
- Malignant neoplasms: The following side effects have been reported and the frequencies are unknown.
- Pregnancy and lactation: The following side effects have been reported and the frequencies are unknown.
- Laboratory test abnormalities: The following side effects have been reported and the frequencies are unknown.

Safety during lactation has not been established. Safety in pregnancy has not been established.
Gynaecomastia.

Jaundice or transient liver dysfunction.

Cutaneous reactions include rash, acne, Stevens Johnson syndrome.

Vomiting, anorexia and abdominal pain.

Hepato-biliary disorders.

Gastrointestinal disorders.

Joint pains.

Hypersensitivity reactions include skin rash, pruritus, fever and headache.

Visual disorders and eye irritation appear to depend on the dose and duration of therapy.

Retrobulbar neuritis with a reduction in visual acuity, constriction of visual field, central or peripheral scotoma, and green-red colour impairment.

Dysuria.

Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders.

Nervous system disorders.

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