

prophylactic

1. [prəfɪ'læktɪk] *n*
профилактическое средство; профилактическая мера

2. [prəfɪ'læktɪk] *a*
профилактический предохранительный предупредительный
prophylactic treatment - профилактическое лечение

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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prophy-lac-tic [prophylactic prophylactics] *adjective, noun BrE* [prəfɪ'læktɪk]
NAmE [prəufə'læktɪk]

adjective (medical)

done or used in order to prevent a disease

- prophylactic treatment

Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: from French **prophylactique**, from Greek **prophulaktikos**, from **pro** ‘before’ + **phulassein** ‘to guard’.

Derived Word ↑**prophylactically**

noun

1. (medical) a medicine, device or course of action that prevents disease
2. (NAmE, formal) = ↑**condom**

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I. **prophylactic**¹ /prəfɪ'læktɪk/, , prəfɪ'læktɪk \$, prəfɪ'læktɪk \$, BrE AmE *adjective technical*

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Greek; Origin: **prophylaktikos**, from **prophylassein** ‘to guard before’, from **phylax** ‘guard’]
intended to prevent disease:

prophylactic antibiotics

II. **prophylactic**² BrE AmE *noun [countable]*

1. **technical** something used to prevent disease
2. **American English formal** a ↑**condom** – often used humorously

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