

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET

ANTIBIOTICS

Co-trimoxazole
Dapsone
Pyrimethamine
Trimethoprim

ABOUT your medicine

Co-trimoxazole, Dapsone, Pyrimethamine and Trimethoprim are antibiotics. They are used to prevent or treat bacterial infections.

HOW should I take the medicine?

Your doctor will determine the amount of medicine you should take based on the severity of your condition. Take this medicine in the dose prescribed by your doctor.

These medicines can be taken on an empty stomach. If it upsets your stomach, they may be taken with food. Take each dose with a full glass of water.

Take all of the medicine that has been prescribed for you even if you begin to feel better after a few days. Your symptoms may start to improve before the infection is completely treated.

What should I do if **I FORGET** a dose?

If you miss a dose or forget to take your medicine, take it as soon as you can. However, if it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to take the medicine and skip the missed dose. Do not double your dose or use extra medicine to make up for a missed dose. If you have missed several doses, please call your physician to check what you should do.

What are the possible **SIDE-EFFECTS** of the medicine?

Gastrointestinal disturbances such as nausea, vomiting and rashes are the most common side-effects. Check with your doctor immediately if skin rash or itching occurs.

Other less common side-effects include blood in urine and/or stools or bleeding of gums. Peeling of the skin or persistent diarrhoea with or without fever may also occur. These less common side-effects require immediate medical attention.

These medicines may cause your skin to be more sensitive to the sun. Exposure to sunlight may cause skin rash, itching or redness of the skin or a severe burn. Use a sun block/sunscreen that has a skin protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 and avoid direct sunlight, especially between 10am and 3pm.

What **PRECAUTIONS** should I take?

Inform your doctor or pharmacist if

- you are already taking some other medicines, herbal preparations, nutritional products or vitamin supplements.
- you are allergic to any other medicines, or if you develop an allergy while taking this medicine. The symptoms of a drug allergy include one or more of the following: swollen face/eyes/lips, difficulty in breathing, or widespread itchy skin rashes.
- you are breast-feeding, pregnant, or likely to become pregnant during the course of this treatment.
- you have any medical conditions such as anaemia, liver disease, kidney disease, fits, or if you are G6PD deficient. These conditions may increase the chance of side-effects.

How should I **STORE** the medicine?

Store the medicine in a dry place at room temperature, away from heat and direct light. Do not refrigerate your medicines unless instructed to do so.

Keep all medication out of reach of children

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Discard all medication that has expired or is no longer required