



Compounded Cotrimoxazole Suspension

COMMON USES

Cotrimoxazole is a combination of two antibiotics: sulfamethoxazole and trimethoprim. Other common names for this antibiotic are Septra, Sulfatrim, and TMP-SMX. It is used to treat a variety of bacterial infections. Some examples of these infections are urinary tract infections (UTI), methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), skin and soft tissue infections and middle ear infections. It may also be used prophylactically in immunocompromised individuals.

HOW TO USE THE MEDICATION

This medication is to be swallowed. Shake well before drawing out the dose. It may be given with or without food.

The medication has a strong bitter taste. You may give in soft food or drink, as long as the whole amount is taken. Have something ready to help wash it down and remove the taste from the mouth. Measure out the prescribed amount as directed using an oral syringe or medication measuring cup. Give plenty of fluids while on this medication.

Improvement should be seen in the first few days of use. Finish the full course of antibiotics unless otherwise directed. If there is no improvement or worsening of symptoms seek reassessment by the prescriber.

If you miss a dose, give it as soon as you remember. If it is close to the next dose, skip the missed dose and resume the usual dosing schedule. Do not double dose.

POSSIBLE ADVERSE AND SIDE EFFECTS

The most common adverse effects seen with this medication are electrolyte imbalances, loss of appetite, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and rash. If stomach upset occurs, try giving the next dose with food as this may help.

If you develop a rash seek medical advice from your prescriber or pharmacist. If you develop a rash with new blisters, peeling skin, or ulcers in your mouth, nose, eyes or genital regions seek immediate medical attention.

This medication contains sulfa. Do not use if allergic to sulfa unless under direct medical supervision. If you develop shortness of breath, wheezing, tightness in the chest or swelling of the face, mouth, or throat seek immediate medical attention.

STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

Medication can be stored at room temperature or in the fridge. Refrigeration is recommended to improve taste. Beyond use date (BUD) is 90 days. Refer to the date indicated on your prescription. Do not use it if there is a change in the taste, smell or look of the product.