

# AMPICILLIN CAPSULE®

Ampicillin Trihydrate (250mg, 500mg)

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## What AMPICILLIN is used for

AMPICILLIN is used for the treatment of infections caused by bacteria. These include:

- Respiratory tract infections (e.g. infections of the nose and throat, pneumonia, bronchitis)
- Infections of the ear
- Urinary tract infections (e.g. infections of the bladder and urethra)
- Gastro-intestinal infections (e.g. infections of the intestines)
- Typhoid fever (an infectious disease contracted by eating food or drinking water contaminated with Salmonella)
- Gonorrhoea (a sexually transmitted disease).

## How AMPICILLIN works

AMPICILLIN is an antibiotic that belongs to a group of medicines called penicillin. These antibiotics work by killing the bacteria that are causing your infection.

AMPICILLIN like other antibiotics, will not work against infections caused by viruses such as colds or the flu.

## Before you use AMPICILLIN

### - When you must not use it

Do not use AMPICILLIN after the expiry date printed on the pack.

Do not use AMPICILLIN if the packaging shows signs of tampering.

Do not use AMPICILLIN to treat any other conditions unless advised by your doctor.

### *Pregnancy and lactation*

Do not take AMPICILLIN if you are pregnant, trying to get pregnant or think you may be pregnant.

Do not take AMPICILLIN if you are breast-feeding. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

### - Before you start use it

AMPICILLIN is not suitable for everyone. Be sure that your doctor knows about the following before you take AMPICILLIN:

If you are allergic to:

- Penicillins
- Cephalosporins.
- Any other ingredient listed at the end of this leaflet.

If you suffer from:

- Asthma, hayfever or hives
- Kidney problems
- Glandular fever (infectious mononucleosis)
- Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)
- Bleeding disorder
- Gastrointestinal diseases

### - Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you buy without a prescription from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop. Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medication such as:

- allopurinol and probenecid, drugs used to treat high levels of uric acid in the blood such as gout and stone formations.
- May reduce effectiveness of oral contraceptives.
- Antocoagulants, medicines for blood thinning effect

- Methotrexate, a medicine used to treat rheumatoid arthritis, as well as some types of cancers

These medicines may be affected by AMPICILLIN, or they may affect how well it works.

You may need different amounts of your medicine, or you may need to take different medicines. Your doctor will advise you.

Your doctor may have more information on medicines to be careful with or to avoid while taking AMPICILLIN.

## How to use AMPICILLIN

### - How much to use

Follow all directions given to you by your doctor and pharmacist carefully. They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet. If you do not understand the instructions on the label, ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.

Your doctor or pharmacist will explain to you on the following:

- How many capsules to be taken each time
- How many times to be taken daily
- When to take it every day

### - When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

The dose may be varied by your doctor depending on your condition and the response of your body. Your doctor may also vary the AMPICILLIN dosage for other medical reasons.

### Adults:

Uncomplicated gonorrhoea (gonococci-sensitive):

- Single dose of 2 or 3.5g with probenecid 1g.

Typhoid fever:

- 25mg per kg of body weight every 6 hours

Usual adult dose is 0.25-1g every 6 hours. Usual adult prescribing limit; Up to 4g a day.

**Children:**

Infants and children up to 20kg of body weight:

- 12.5 to 25mg per kg of body weight every 6 hours, or 16.7 to 33.3mg per kg of body weight every 8 hours.

Children 20kg of body weight and over:

- Usual adult dose.

- How long to use it

Continue taking AMPICILLIN for as long as your doctor recommends.

- If you forget to use it

Consult your doctor or pharmacist on what you should do if you forget to use it.

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to take the medicine and skip the missed dose. Do not take a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

If you have forgotten to take more than one dose contact your doctor or pharmacist for advice.

- If you use too much (overdose)

Contact your doctor immediately or go to the Emergency Department of your nearest hospital, if you think you or anyone else may have taken too much of this medicine. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.

**While you are using it**

- Things you must do

If the symptoms of your infection do not improve within a few days, or if they become worse, tell your doctor.

If you develop itching with swelling or skin rash or difficulty breathing while you are receiving AMPICILLIN, do not continue to take it and inform your doctor immediately.

If you get severe diarrhoea tell your doctor or pharmacist immediately. Do this even if it occurs several weeks after AMPICILLIN has been stopped. Diarrhoea may mean that you have serious condition affecting your bowel. You may need urgent medical care. Do not take any diarrhoea medicine without first checking with your doctor.

If you get a sore white mouth or tongue while being treated with or soon after stopping AMPICILLIN, inform your doctor. Also tell your doctor if you get vaginal itching or discharge.

This may mean you have a fungal infection called thrush. Sometimes the use of AMPICILLIN allows fungi to grow and the above symptoms to occur. AMPICILLIN does not work against fungi.

If you are about to start taking any new medicine, tell your doctor and pharmacist that you are being treated with AMPICILLIN.

If you are about to have any blood or urine tests tell your doctor you are being taking AMPICILLIN. AMPICILLIN may affect the results of some blood and urine tests.

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are taking AMPICILLIN. Your doctor or pharmacist will be able to tell you whether there are any special instructions while you are taking AMPICILLIN.

- Things you must not do

Do not stop taking the medicine unless advised by your doctor.

Do not take any new medicines without consulting your doctor.

Do not give AMPICILLIN to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

- Things to be careful of

*Driving and using machines*

This medicine may affect your ability to drive or use machines. If the tablets make you feel sick, dizzy or tired, or give you a headache, do not drive or use machines and contact your doctor immediately.

**Side effects**

Like all medicines, AMPICILLIN can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Tell your doctor if you notice any of the following:

- Oral thrush - white, furry, sore tongue and mouth
- Vaginal thrush - sore and itchy vagina and/or discharge.
- Mouth disturbances, nausea, vomiting or diarrhoea

Tell your doctor immediately if you notice any of the following:

- red and/or itchy skin
- difficulty breathing
- swelling
- Fast or irregular heartbeat
- Sudden signs of allergy such as rash, itching or hives, swelling of the face.
- Severe skin rash, itching, hives blisters or peeling skin which may be accompanied by fever, chills, headache, swollen glands, stomach pain or aching joints and muscles
- Fever, sore throat, swollen glands, mouth ulcers, unusual bleeding or bruising under the skin.

Other side effects not listed above may also occur in some patients.

Do not be alarmed by this list if possible side-effects. You may not experience any of them.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835550, or visiting the website [npra.moh.gov.my](http://npra.moh.gov.my) (Public → Reporting Medicinal Problems / Side Effects / AEFI/ Vaccine Safety)

**Storage and Disposal of AMPICILLIN**

- Storage

Keep AMPICILLIN in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 30°C. Protect from light. Keep your AMPICILLIN in the pack until it is time to take them. If you take the tablets out of the pack, they may not keep well.

Do not store AMPICILLIN or any other medicine in the bathroom or near a sink.

Do not leave it in the car or on window sills. Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

Keep it where children cannot reach it. A locked cupboard at least one-and a half meters above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

- Disposal

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

**Product Description**

- What it looks like

- AMPICILLIN CAP 250mg: A size 2 Black/Red capsule, marked with 'UPHA/AMP250'.
- AMPICILLIN CAP 500mg: A size 0, scarlet/black marked "UPHA/AMP 500" capsule

- Ingredients

- Active ingredient  
AMPICILLIN CAP 250mg:  
Each capsule contains 250mg of ampicillin trihydrate.

AMPICILLIN CAP 500mg:  
Each capsule contains 500mg of ampicillin trihydrate

- Inactive ingredients  
AMPICILLIN CAP 250mg & 500mg
  - Sodium Starch Glycolate
  - Magnesium Stearate

- MAL numbers:

Ampicillin Capsule 250mg:  
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