## DHATRIN PAEDIATRIC SUSPENSION

Sulphamethoxazole/Trimethoprim (200mg/40mg per 5ml)

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### What Dhatrin is used for

Dhatrin is used to treat infections of the:

- upper and lower respiratory tract (lungs)
- skin
- gastrointestinal
- urinary tract (bladder)
- renal (kidney)
- genital (sex organ)

#### **How Dhatrin work**

Dhatrin contains the combination of trimethoprim and sulfamethoxazole. It eliminates bacteria that cause various infections.

## Before you use Dhatrin

## -When you must not take it

Do not take Dhatrin if:

- are allergic (hypersensitive) to trimethoprim, sulphonamides or any of the other ingredients.
- have severe liver damage or jaundice
- have any blood disorder eg G6PD (an enzyme which protects the red blood cell) deficiency
- have severe kidney disease
- are pregnant or planning to become pregnant
- Dhatrin should not be given to premature or newborn babies

#### -Before you start to take it

You should check with your doctor or pharmacist before taking Dhatrin if:

- you are pregnant or breastfeeding
- have a history of severe allergic reactions

- have a reduced amount of the enzyme glucose 6 phosphate dehydrogenase (G6PD).
- are taking malaria medicine such as pyrimethamine or immunosuppressive therapy.

#### **Blood tests**

If you are having treatment over a long time, your doctor may carry out regular blood counts.

### -Taking other medicines

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription, including the following:

- anticoagulants to prevent your blood clotting such as warfarin
- diuretics ('water tablets') such as thiazide

#### How to take Dhatrin

#### -How much to take

Shake the suspension well before use.

Children up to 2 years: 2.5ml twice a day

Children 2 to 5 years: 2.5 to 5ml twice a day

Children 6 to 12 years: 5 to 10ml twice a day

## -When to take it

Always take Dhatrin exactly as your doctor has told you. If you are not sure, check with your doctor or pharmacist.

## -How long to take it

Always take Dhatrin exactly as your doctor has told you. If you are not sure, check with your doctor or pharmacist.

## -If you forget to take it

If you forget to take a dose, take it as soon as you remember it and then take the next dose at the right time.

Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

## -If you take too much (overdose)

If you (or someone else) took a lot of suspension at the same time, or you think a child may have swallowed any, contact

your nearest hospital casualty department or tell your doctor immediately.

Signs of an overdose include dizziness, nausea, vomiting and confusion.

## While you are taking Dhatrin

## -Things you must do

Take Dhatrin for as long as your doctor recommends. If the symptom still persists or not lighten after a few days, please consult your doctor.

It is important that you drink plenty of fluids (water) while you are taking this medication.

## -Things you must not do

Do not stop taking Dhatrin because you feel better. Take the suspension for as long as your doctor has told you or your problem may come back.

## -Things to be careful of

If you are going outdoors, wear protective clothing or use a sunscreen.

Your skin may burn more easily while you are taking this medication.

## **Side Effects**

Like all medicines, Dhatrin may cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Consult doctor or pharmacist for further information if you notice any of the following and they worry you:

- -Superinfection (an infection occurring after or on top of an earlier infection)
- -crystalluria (crystals found in the urine during urine test)
- -Stevens-Johnson Syndrome (a life-threatening skin condition)
- -rashes
- -fever
- -headache
- -dizziness
- -nausea and vomiting.

Stop taking Dhatrin and tell your doctor immediately if you notice, or experience, any of the following (you may need urgent medical attention):

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• Any form of skin rash or skin peeling. The rash may indicate that you are allergic to Dhatrin. In very rare circumstances, patients have died from complications that may arise from certain severe allergic reactions such as including Steven-Johnson syndrome or toxic epidermal necrolysis. Your doctor will know what action to take if you develop a severe reaction.

Consult doctor or pharmacist for further information if you notice any side effects and they worry you.

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 portal.bpfk.gov.my (Consumers → Reporting).

# Storage and Disposal of Dhatrin

-Storage

Keep all medicines out of the reach of children.

Store below 30°C and protect from light.

## -Disposal

Do not take this medicine after the expiry date stamped on the pack.

Return any unused medicine to your pharmacist to be disposed of. Only keep the medicine if your doctor tells you to. Do not throw them away in your normal household drainage or waste. This will help to protect the environment.

## **Product Description**

-What it looks like

Homogenous pink suspension with sweet taste and strawberry flavor.

## -Ingredients

Active Ingredient
Each 5ml syrup contains 40mg
Trimethoprim and 200mg
Sulphamethoxazole.

Inactive ingredients

Granulated sugar, tragacanth powder, methyl hydroxybenzoate, propyl hydroxybenzoate, sorbitol 70% solution, strawberry flavour, Red colour carmoisine, sodium saccharin, purified water

#### -MAL Number

Dhatrin Paediatric Suspension: MAL19890533AZ

#### Manufacturer

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## **Product Registration Holder**

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