

CO-PRIMOX TABLET

Sulphamethoxazole/Trimethoprim (400mg/80mg)

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What *Co-Primox* is used for

For treatment of urinary infections, pneumocystitis carinii pneumonia (inflammation of lungs), intra-abdominal infections, genitourinary tract infections, burn wound infections, acute otitis media (inflammation of the ear) and various lung infections caused by *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and *Haemophilus influenzae*.

How *Co-Primox* works

Co-Primox has two medicines called sulphamethoxazole and trimethoprim. These medicines are given the combined name co-trimoxazole. *Co-Primox* is an antibiotic, for certain infections caused by some bacterias.

Before you use *Co-Primox*

- When you must not use it

- if allergic to its active ingredients or other ingredients in it.
- if you have glucose-6 phosphate dehydrogenase (G6PD) deficiency, liver and kidney function impairment.
- Do not use in pregnancy and caution in breastfeeding mothers. Ask the doctor or pharmacist before taking any medicine.
- Repeated blood tests determinations are required during prolonged treatment.
- Adequate fluid intake should be maintained.

- Before you start to use it

Inform the doctor or pharmacist if there are liver or kidney problems, or regularly taking liver enzyme inducing agents. Long term use should be avoided.

- Taking other medicines

It increases the effects of the coumarin anticoagulants, sulfonylurea diabetic medications, phenytoin and methotrexate. Close observation for toxic effects if taking immunosuppressive therapy. 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.

How to use *Co-Primox*

- How much to use

Adults: Oral, 2 tablets every 12 hours for

up to 14 days. Children 6 to 12 years: oral, 1 tablet every 12 hours. Below 6 years: As directed by physician. For Pneumocystitis carinii pneumonia: Adults and children over 6 years: oral, 25mg of sulphamethoxazole & 5mg of trimethoprim per kg body weight every 6 hours for 14 days.

Follow all directions given 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.

- When to use it

It should be taken on an empty stomach.

- How long to use it

The prescribed course should be completed.

- If you forget to use it

Consult the doctor or pharmacist on what 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 the 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 use too much (overdose)

Contact the 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.

Signs of overdose include Stevens-Johnson (immune related skin reactions) and Lyell's syndromes (severe skin reactions causing reddening and peeling of skin), blood disorders, methemoglobinemia (high blood levels of methemoglobin), presence of blood and crystals in the urine, headache and gastrointestinal disturbances.

While you are using *Co-Primox*

- Things you must do

Take your medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are taking *Co-Primox*.

Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while taking this medication.

- 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 *Co-Primox* to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

- Things to be careful of

Care is recommended for breast-feeding mothers. The benefits must be assessed against possible effects on the child.

Side effects

Like all medicines, *Co-Primox* can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. Visit the doctor or pharmacist immediately if you experience any side effects after taking this medicine. Crystaluria (crystals in urine), hypothyroidism (low levels of thyroid hormone), nausea or vomiting, diarrhoea, headache, anorexia, abdominal pain, dizziness, muscle weakness, fatigue, hypersensitivity reactions, insomnia, tinnitus, confusion, depression, numbness and blood disorders may occur occasionally.

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 (Public → Reporting Medicinal Problems / Side Effects / AEFI / Vaccine Safety).

Storage and Disposal of *Co-Primox*

- Storage

Store below 30°C. Protect from light. Keep out of reach and sight of children.

- Disposal

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required.

Product description

- What it looks like

White, round, biconvex, top-scored tablet.

- Ingredients

- Active ingredients: sulphamethoxazole and trimethoprim.
- Inactive ingredients: lactose, cornstarch, magnesium stearate and croscarmellose sodium.

- MAL number:

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