

TRIMETHOPRIM AND SULFAMETHOXAZOLE

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What does it do?

Trimethoprim and sulfamethoxazole is used to treat and prevent bacterial infections.

How should you take it?

Take *trimethoprim and sulfamethoxazole* regularly as directed. Keep taking it until the course is finished, even if you start to feel better.

Take the tablets with a glass of water.

Measure the liquid carefully with an oral syringe or measuring spoon. Shake the bottle well before measuring each dose.

What if you forget a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as possible and continue as directed.

Can you take other medicines?

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products or recreational drugs.

What side effects might you notice?

Side Effects	Recommended action
Skin rash, skin peeling or blisters	Stop taking and see your doctor immediately
Severe headache, stiff neck, confusion, eyes sensitive to light Increased risk of infection - symptoms may include: fever, chills, sore throat, aches and pains, tiredness, pain when peeing, mouth ulcers Easy/unusual bruising or bleeding Symptoms of liver problems including: yellow skin or eyes, itching, dark urine, pale bowel motions, abdominal pain Severe stomach pain	Tell your doctor immediately
Diarrhoea, vomiting, nausea, loss of appetite Headache Increased sensitivity to sunlight	Tell your doctor if troublesome
Stomach upset	Take with food

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.

Other information:

- Tell your doctor if you have an allergy to 'sulfa' medicines, if you have kidney, liver or blood problems, or if you have porphyria or G6PD deficiency.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.
- Protect yourself from too much sunlight while being treated with *trimethoprim and sulfamethoxazole*. Always cover up and apply a thick layer of broad spectrum sunscreen (at least SPF 30) when outside. Do not use sunbeds.