

CO-PRIMAZOL SUSPENSION

Sulfamethoxazole / trimethoprim (200mg/5ml / 40mg/5ml)

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What *Co-Primazol* is used for

For treatment of urinary infections, burn wound infections, ear infections and various respiratory infections caused by bacteria.

How *Co-Primazol* works

Co-Primazol contains sulphamethoxazole and trimethoprim. This medicine is also named co-trimoxazole. It is used to treat infections caused by some types of bacteria and is suitable in treating certain infections.

Before you use *Co-Primazol*

- When you must not use it

- if allergic to sulfamethoxazole, trimethoprim or to other ingredients in it.
- It should not be used in pregnancy and with caution in nursing mothers. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.
- It should not be given in megaloblastic anemia. (blood disorder due to large red blood cells.)

- Before you start to use it

Inform the doctor or pharmacist if there is glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase(G6PD) deficiency, 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-Primazol*

- How much to use

Adults: oral, 4 teaspoonfuls (20ml) 12 hours for up to 14 days.
Children 1½-5mths: oral, ½ teaspoonful (2.5ml) every 12 hours. 6 mths-5 yrs: oral, 1 teaspoonful (5ml) every 12 hours. 6-12 yrs: oral, 2 teaspoonfuls (10ml) every 12 hours.
For pneumocystitis carinii pneumonia: adults and children over 1 mth: oral, 25mg

sulphamethoxazole and 5mg trimethoprim per kg body weight every 6 hrs for 14 days. Note: The prescribed course should be completed. The medicine should be taken with an empty stomach. 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 instructions on the label, ask the doctor or pharmacist for help.

- When to use it

Use as directed by the doctor or pharmacist.

- How long to use it

Continue taking *Co-Primazol* 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 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 *Co-Primazol*

- Things you must do

Take your medicine exactly as your doctor has told you. Tell your doctors, dentists and pharmacists that you are taking *Co-Primazol*. Tell your doctor immediately if you are pregnant while taking this medication. Tell your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you develop an unexpected worsening of cough and shortness of breath.

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

- Things to be careful of

Special care is recommended for nursing mothers and the elderly as there is an increased risk of adverse reactions. The benefits must be assessed against possible effects on the child.

Side effects

Like all medicines, *Co-Primazol* can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. Serious side effects: Seek immediate medical attention if you experience fever, dizziness, fainting, or a rapid heartbeat (palpitations) after taking this medication. These symptoms may indicate very low blood pressure or an increased heart rate, which can be signs of shock. Nausea or vomiting, diarrhoea, headache, eating disorder, abdominal pain, dizziness, muscle weakness, fatigue, allergic reactions, difficulty falling asleep, noise or ringing in ears, 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 visiting the website npdra.gov.my [Consumers→ Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)].

Storage and Disposal of *Co-Primazol*

- 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. These measures will help to protect the environment.

Product description

- What it looks like

Orange coloured, cherry flavoured suspension.

- Ingredients

- Active ingredient: sulfamethoxazole and trimethoprim.
- Inactive ingredients: methyl parabens, propyl parabens, tragacanth, xanthan gum, tween 80, glycerin, cherry flavor, sodium saccharin, sunset yellow ariavit, purified water and syrup.

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