

Co-trimoxazole (SMX-TMP)

Brand Names: Septra, Bactrim and Sulfatrim

Reason for taking medication:

Bactrim is an antibiotic used to treat a wide variety of infections including urinary, ear and respiratory infections.

This medication is not recommended for use in infants younger than 2 months.

Dose, schedule and storage:

Take each dose with fluids. If stomach upset occurs, it may be taken with food or milk. The liquid suspension form of this medicine must be shaken well before each dose. If your child is taking this medicine to *prevent* a urine infection, he/she should take the prescribed dose at bedtime.

For babies and children, the dose is determined by weight and will need to be adjusted as the child grows.

Store at room temperature away from sunlight and moisture. Keep out of reach of children.

If a dose is missed:

Take the dose as soon as you remember that you missed it; but if it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose. Then continue with your regular dosing schedule. **Do not double dose.**

Common side effects which may occur:

If your child develops: rash, itching, swelling, breathing problems, notify your physician and discontinue the medicine.

This medication may cause stomach upset, diarrhea, nausea, headache or vomiting. If any of these effects persist or become severe, inform our office. The sulfa in this combination drug may increase sensitivity to sunlight, wear protective clothing and sunscreen.

In case of an overdose, call: Poison Control Center-1-800-876-4766.