






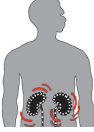

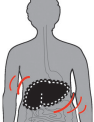










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| <p>Active ingredients (generic names)</p> | <p>TRIMETHOPRIM (tri-meth-o-prim) TRIMETHOPRIM + SULFAMETHOXAZOLE (tri-meth-o-prim + sul-fa-meth-ox-a-zol) Also known as: co-trimoxazole</p>  |
| <p>What it is used for</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respiratory infections, UTIs, prostatitis Trimethoprim + sulfamethoxazole • Ear and hearing problems • Balanitis • Melioidosis • Skin infections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Boils ▶ School sores (impetigo) ▶ Cellulitis • Urinary tract infections (UTIs) in children • Water-related skin infections |
| <p>How it works</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antibiotic that stops bacteria from making folate, which is important for bacteria's growth • Different germs need different antibiotics. If not sure which one to use — check with doctor |
| <p>Side effects</p> | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Nausea and vomiting</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Itchy rash</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Fever</p> </div> </div> |

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|  <p>Warnings</p> |  Pregnant  Babies under 6 weeks  Kidney trouble  Old people  Liver trouble (severe) |
| <p>Tell the patient</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take all the medicine — makes sure all the germs are gone and the infection doesn't come back  Take at night (trimethoprim)  Take with food (trimethoprim + sulfamethoxazole)  Keep out of the sun (trimethoprim + sulfamethoxazole)  Finish medicine — even if you feel better  Drink lots of water  Return to clinic straight away if you get a sore throat, fever, troublesome rash, cough, difficulty breathing, joint pain, dark urine or pale stools |
| | <p>Warning stickers (page 310): Trimethoprim + sulfamethoxazole 8, B</p> |
| <p>Check</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up when antibiotic treatment finished to make sure infection is gone. If not — medical consult  <p>Blood test if taking trimethoprim + sulfamethoxazole for a long time — FBC, kidney function (UEC), liver function tests (LFT), folate levels regularly</p> |