

UNITRIM

CO-TRIMOXAZOLE SUSPENSION AND TABLETS

Presentation:

Unitrim is available as round, white tablets each containing 80 mg Trimethoprim BP and 400 mg Sulfamethoxazole BP.

Unitrim suspension is a light pink coloured suspension, containing 40 mg Trimethoprim BP and 200 mg Sulfamethoxazole BP per 5 ml.

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Pharmacological Actions:

The combination of Trimethoprim and Sulfamethoxazole, acts synergistically to produce a bactericidal or bacteriostatic action against a wide range of gram-positive and gram-negative organisms and some protozoa. Both antibiotics act at different points of the folate metabolic pathway.

Indications:

Unitrim is an antibacterial agent, effective against a wide range of gram positive and gram negative organisms. Unitrim is indicated for the treatment of respiratory tract, genito-urinary tract, gastro-intestinal tract, skin and other bacterial infections.

Dosage and Administration:

Unitrim should be taken preferably after food, to minimise the possibilities of gastrointestinal disturbances, as indicated below:

Adults and Children over 12 years:

2 tablets every 12 hours

Children:

6 - 12 years:

10 ml every 12 hours, or 1 tablet twice a day

6 months - 5 years:

5 ml every 12 hours

6 weeks - 5 months:

2.5 ml every 12 hours

For severe infections in all age groups the above dosage may be increased by 50%. In acute infections UNITRIM should be taken for at least five days or until the patient has been symptom free for two days.

Contra-indications:

Unitrim should not be taken by patients with a history of sensitivity to Sulphonamide, Trimethoprim or Co-Trimoxazole. Unitrim should be avoided in patients with marked liver damage. Unitrim should not be taken by patients with serious blood disorders or severe renal impairment, except under careful supervision. Unitrim should not be given to premature babies or to full term infants during their first six weeks of life. Regular monthly blood counts are advisable when Unitrim is given for long periods.

Precautions:

Pregnant or lactating women should take the advice of a doctor, before taking Unitrim.

Side Effects:

The side effects of Unitrim include nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea and skin rashes. Unitrim should be stopped if rash develops.

Severe but rare side effects include depression, dizziness and blood dyscrasias.

Storage:

Store below 30°C, in a dry place.

Protect from light.

Keep out of reach of children.

Legal Category:

POM

Package Quantities:

Unitrim Tablets:

10 x 10 tablets blister pack

100 x 10 tablets blister pack

1000 tablets

Unitrim Suspension:

50 ml, 60 ml, 100 ml and 5L

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