



AUGMENTIN

A penicillin antibiotic, Augmentin is used for treating bacterial infections.

DRUG USES

Augmentin treats infections caused by bacteria.

HOW TAKEN

The drug can be taken with or without food. It is advised not to stop the drug in the middle of a course without your doctor's permission.

WARNINGS/PRECAUTIONS

Before your doctor prescribes Augmentin, you have to tell your doctor about all your health conditions. You have to inform your physician if you are allergic to certain medicines, foods, cephalosporin, beta-lactam antibiotics or any other substance.

Do not hesitate to tell your doctor if you have a history of asthma, hives or hay fever; breathing difficulties; dizziness.

It is better to tell your doctor if you have kidney or liver problems and gonorrhea. Pregnant women and breast-feeding mothers should have to discuss about the effects of the drug before it is taken.

It is known that Augmentin may interact with some medicines and so it is better to tell your doctor about the entire medications that you are taking. This will help him to decide if the drug should be prescribed and what dosage should be prescribed.

Prolonged use of Augmentin is known to cause a second infection. You have to inform your doctor if signs of a second attack are seen. You should never miss appointments and lab tests, including kidney and liver functions, blood cell counts.

It should also be noted that you should not treat diarrhea on your own while taking the drug. Call your doctor immediately if you have stomach pain, severe diarrhea and bloody stools.

Elderly patients should use Augmentin with caution, as they are more sensitive to the drug. The doctors normally prescribe low dosage for elderly people and go for regular check ups. The drug should also be used with caution in children below 10 years who have infection of stomach and diarrhea. Augmentin should not be given for children who weigh less than 88 lbs.

Augmentin should not be taken if you are taking a tetracycline antibiotic; if having infectious mononucleosis and if you have taken a live oral typhoid vaccine.

Augmentin is only used against bacterial infection and not against viral infections. While using the drug, birth control pills may not work. In some people, Augmentin can lead to yellow, brown or gray tooth discoloration.