

BACTRIM



Bactrim is an effective drug used for treating certain infections caused by bacteria.

DRUG USES

A combination containing sulfonamide antibiotic, Bactrim treats bacterial infections.

HOW TAKEN

The drug can be taken with or without food. Well, you have to take the drug at the same time daily. You have to drink plenty of water. When taking the drug, you have to complete the whole course for better results. Even if you feel better after taking the drug, you should not stop in midcourse without consulting your physician.

WARNINGS/PRECAUTIONS

You have to tell your doctor about all your present and past medical history before he prescribes the drug. If you have allergies to certain medicines or substances or some food, you have to tell you doctor. If you have had Kidney or liver problems, blood related problems, asthma, or even AIDS, you have to inform your doctor.

Tell your doctor if you have enzyme deficiency, glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency and low folate levels in blood.

Pregnant women should have to take this drug with caution. If you are pregnant or planning to get pregnant, it is better to discuss about all the complications related with the drug with your physician. Bactrim is not prescribed in the 38th week of pregnancy and in the later stages. As the drug is seen in breast milk, you should not breast feed while taking this drug.

Certain medicines are known to interact with Bactrim. So you have to tell your doctor about all medications, including herbal preparation, prescription or nonprescription medicine and dietary supplements that you are on.

Bactrim should be avoided if you are allergic to sulfonamide (sulfa) medicines like glipizide and hydrochlorothiazide. If taking dofetilide or if you have urinary blockage or anemia because of low levels of folate in the blood, do not take Bactrim.

While taking Bactrim, never treat diarrhea on your own. You have to immediately call your physician if you experience stomach pain cramps, bloody stools and severe diarrhea.

If Bactrim is taken for a prolonged period, there are chances of a second infection. It has also been noticed that the drug can interfere with certain lab tests. Before going for any lab test, you have to tell the lab technicians that you are taking Bactrim.