

# in otitis media

# Septtrin b.d.

co-trimoxazole

#### Prescribing Information

Uses: Sensitive bacterial infections of the lower respiratory, urinary and genital tracts, sinusitis, otitis media, skin infections, septicæmia, typhoid and paratyphoid fevers, and other infections caused by sensitive organisms.

**Dosage:** *Septtrin Forte Tablets:* over 12 years, one twice daily; *Septtrin Tablets/Septtrin Dispersible Tablets:* over 12 years, two twice daily; children 6 to 12 years, one twice daily; *Septtrin Suspension:* over 12 years, 10ml Adult twice daily; children 6 to 12 years, 10ml Paediatric twice daily; 6 months to 6 years, 5ml Paediatric twice daily; 6 weeks to 6 months, 2.5ml Paediatric twice daily.

**Contra-indications:** Septtrin is contra-indicated in patients with marked liver parenchymal damage, blood dyscrasias or severe renal insufficiency. Septtrin should not be given to patients hypersensitive to sulphonamides or co-trimoxazole; should not be given during pregnancy or to neonates.

**Precautions:** In cases of renal impairment a reduced dosage is indicated and an adequate urinary output should be maintained.

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Regular blood counts are necessary whenever long-term therapy is used. Caution is advised in patients with folate deficiency. Care should be taken when giving Septtrin to patients receiving oral anti-coagulants of the coumarin group, pyrimethamine, sulphonylureas, or phenytoin.

**Warnings and Adverse Effects:** Occasionally nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, glossitis and skin rashes may occur with normal doses and, very rarely, haematological reactions.

Further information is available on request.

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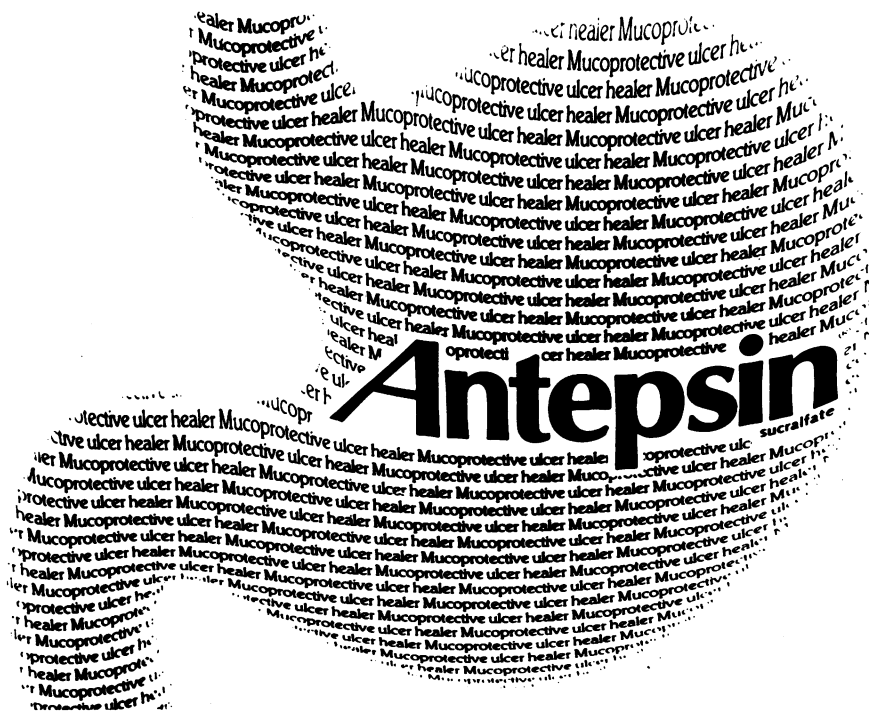
#### Presentations:

Product Licence	Formulation	Basic NHS Cost
Septtrin Forte Tablets PL 3/0121	160mg Trimethoprim BP 800mg Sulphamethoxazole BP	£1.90 for 10
Septtrin Tablets PL 3/0109	80mg TMP/400mg SMX	£2.27 for 20
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in resistant cases. Antacids may be used as required for relief of pain. **Contra-indications, Precautions, Warnings, etc.** **Contra-Indications** There are no known contra-indications. **Precautions** 1. Concomitant administration with some oral anti-infectives such as tetracyclines may interfere with absorption of the latter. 2. The product should only be used with caution in patients with renal dysfunction. 3. As with all medicines, Antepsin should not be used in early pregnancy unless considered essential. **Side Effects** A low incidence of mild side effects, e.g. constipation, has been reported.

**Legal Category** POM. **Package Quantities** Antepsin 1 gram - Securitainers of 100. **Pharmaceutical Precautions** No special requirements for storage are necessary. **Product Licence Numbers** PL No. 0607/0045 PA No. 149/4/2. **Basic N.H.S. Price** Average daily cost 50p.



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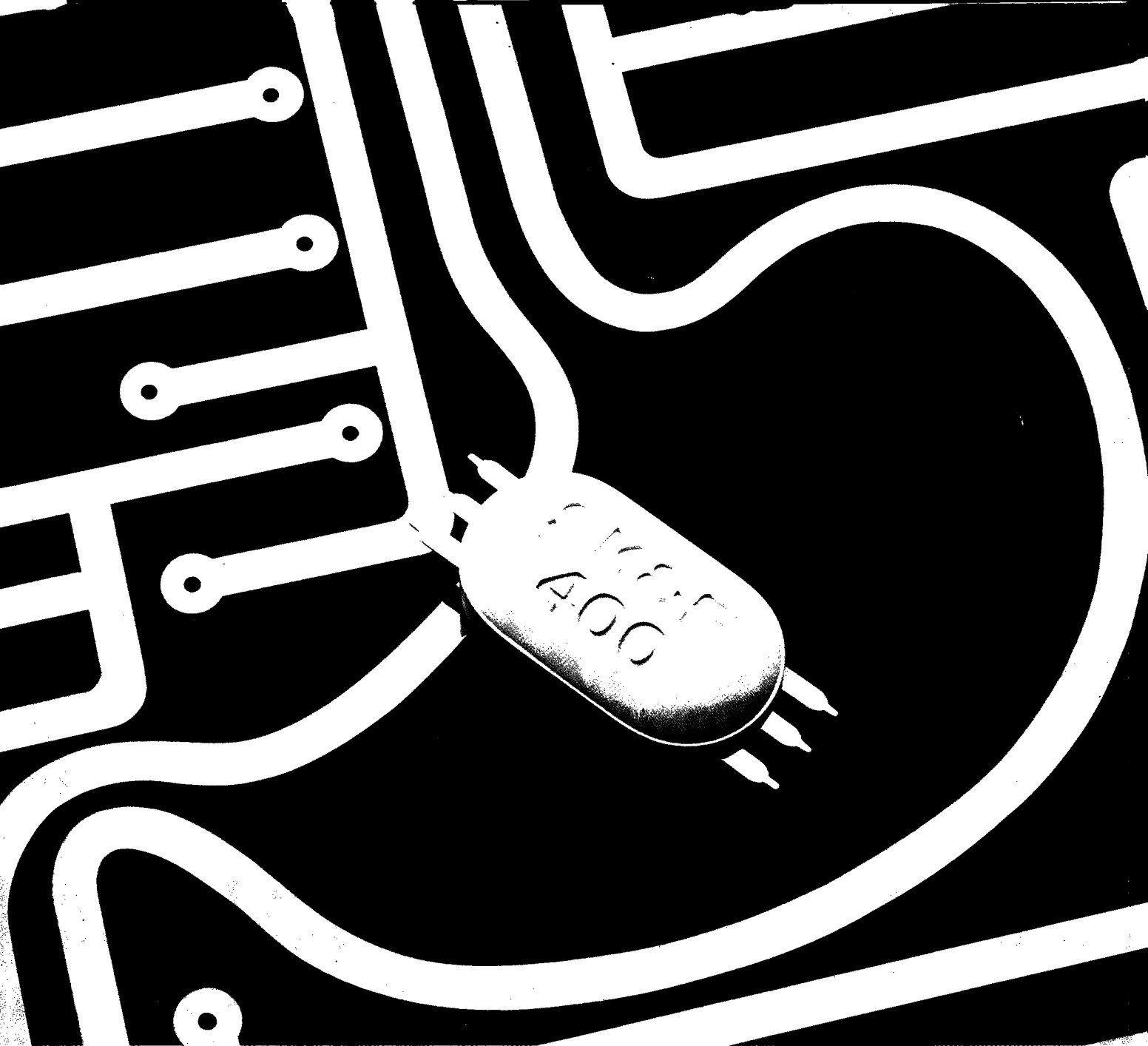
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