



# in otitis media Septrin b.d. co-trimoxazole

## Prescribing Information

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

**Dosage:** *Septrin Forte Tablets*: over 12 years, one twice daily; *Septrin Tablets*/*Septrin Dispersible Tablets*: over 12 years, two twice daily; children 6 to 12 years, one twice daily; *Septrin 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:** Septrin is contra-indicated in patients with marked liver parenchymal damage, blood dyscrasias or severe renal insufficiency. Septrin 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 Septrin 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.

**Wellcome Medical Division**  
The Wellcome Foundation Ltd, Crews, Cheshire.



## Presentations:

Product Licence	Formulation	Basic NHS Cost
Septrin Forte Tablets	PL 3 023 800mg Sulphonamides/400mg SMX	£1.90 for 10
Septrin Tablets	PL 3 009 80mg TMP/400mg SMX	£2.25 per 20
Septrin Dispersible Tablets	PL 3 009 80mg TMP/400mg SMX	£2.42 per 20
Septrin Adult Suspension	PL 3 522 100mg SMX in 5ml	£3.22 per 100ml
Septrin Paediatric Suspension	PL 3 522 40mg TMP/200mg SMX in 5ml	£1.00 for 100ml
Septrin Paediatric Tablets	PL 3 008 20mg TMP/100mg SMX	£0.69 for 20

1. Willner, M.W., Dull, T.A., MacDonald, H. 1977, *Chemotherapy*, 1, 125. 65 children with acute otitis media involving *Strep. pneumoniae* received Septrin therapy for an average of 9.3 days. 64/98.5% enjoyed complete clearance of clinical symptoms with no evidence of antimicrobial failure.

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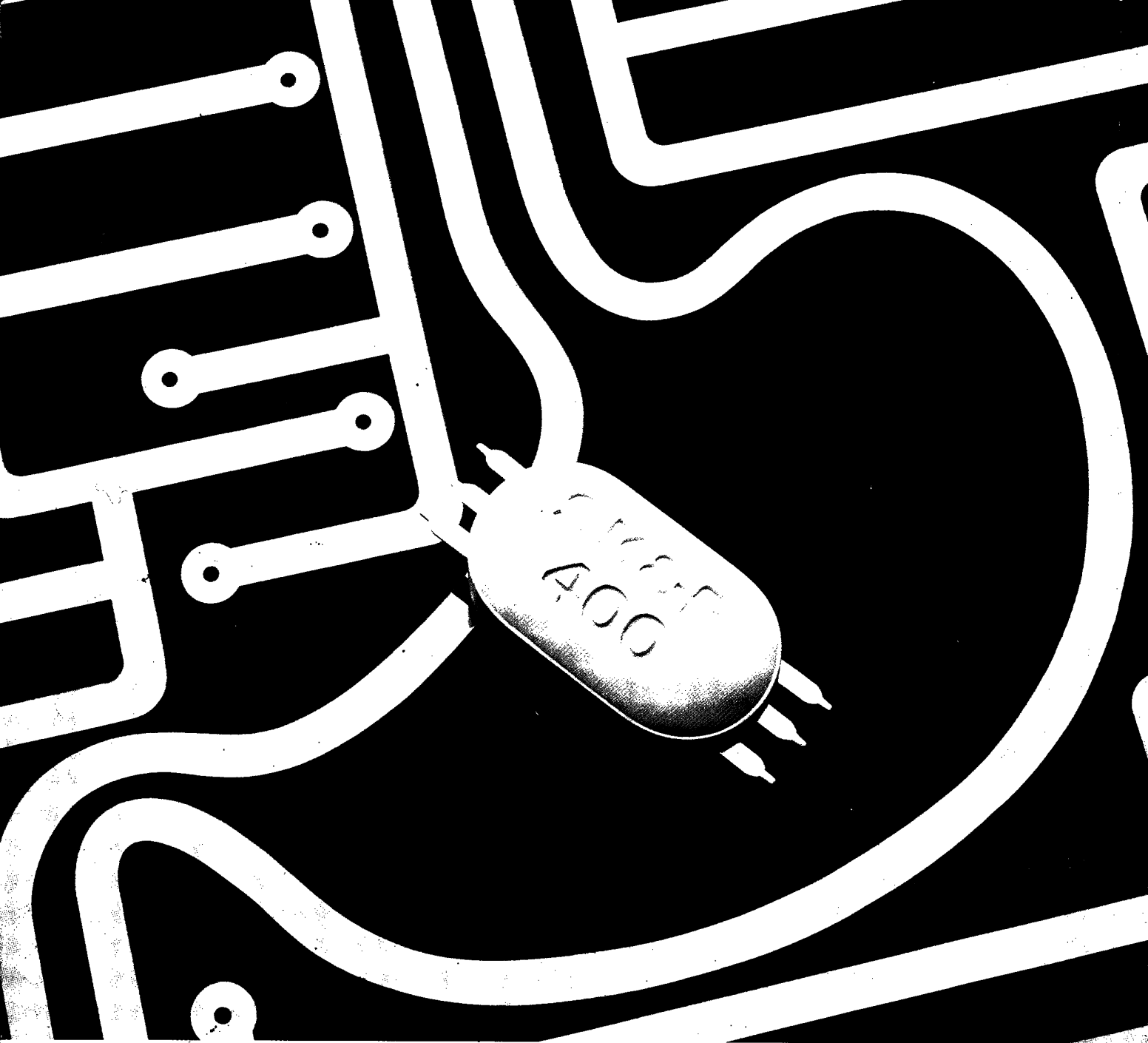
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**Prescribing Information. Presentations** 'Tagamet' Tablets, PL 0002/0092, each containing 400 mg cimetidine. 56, £16.61. 'Tagamet' Tablets, PL 0002/0063, each containing 200 mg cimetidine. 500, £74.15. 'Tagamet' Syrup, PL 0002/0073, containing 200 mg cimetidine per 5 ml. 500 ml, £20.43. **Indications** Duodenal ulcer, benign gastric ulcer, recurrent and stomal ulceration, oesophageal reflux disease. Other conditions where reduction of gastric acid is beneficial: prophylaxis of stress-induced gastrointestinal haemorrhage and of acid aspiration (Mendelson's) syndrome; malabsorption and fluid loss in short bowel syndrome. Zollinger-Ellison syndrome. **Dosage** *Usual dosage:* Adults. *Duodenal ulcer*, 400 mg b.d. with breakfast and at bedtime, or 200 mg t.d.s. with meals and 400 mg at bedtime (1.0 g/day) for at least 4 weeks. To prevent relapse, 400 mg at bedtime or 400 mg morning and at bedtime for at least 6 months. *Benign gastric ulcer*, 200 mg t.d.s. with meals and 400 mg at bedtime (1.0 g/day) for at least 6 weeks. *Oesophageal reflux disease*, 400 mg t.d.s. with meals and 400 mg at bedtime (1.6 g/day) for 4 to 8 weeks. *Prophylaxis of stress-induced gastrointestinal haemorrhage*, up to 2 g a day, divided, to maintain intragastric pH above 4. *Prophylaxis of acid aspiration syndrome*, 400 mg 90-120 mins before induction of general anaesthesia. 400 mg at start of labour then 200 mg 2-hourly as necessary, suggested maximum 1.6 g. Do not use 'Tagamet' syrup. *Zollinger-Ellison syndrome*, up to 2 g a day, divided. *Recurrent and stomal ulceration and short bowel syndrome*, 200 mg t.d.s. and 400 mg at bedtime (1.0 g/day). *N.B. For full dosage instructions see Data Sheet.* **Cautions** Impaired renal function: reduce dosage (see Data Sheet). Potentiation of oral anticoagulants, phenytoin and theophylline (see Data Sheet). Prolonged treatment: observe patients periodically. Exclude malignancy in gastric ulcer. Care in patients with compromised bone marrow (see Data Sheet). Avoid during pregnancy and lactation. **Adverse reactions** Diarrhoea, dizziness, rash, tiredness. Rarely, mild gynecomastia, reversible liver damage, confusional states (usually in the elderly or very ill), interstitial nephritis, acute pancreatitis. **Legal category** POM. 9.12.83.

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