



# 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.

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, Crewe, Cheshire.



## Presentations:

Product Licence	Formulation	Basic NHS Cost
Septrin Forte Tablets	PL 3/0121 160mg Trimethoprim BP 800mg Sulphonamethoxazole BP	£1.90 for 10
Septrin Tablets	PL 3/0109 80mg TMP 400mg SMX	£2.27 for 20
Septrin Dispersible Tablets	PL 3/0099 80mg TMP 400mg SMX	£2.42 for 20
Septrin Adult Suspension	PL 3/5223 80mg TMP 400mg SMX in 5ml	£3.22 for 100ml
Septrin Paediatric Suspension	PL 3/5222 16mg TMP 200mg SMX in 5ml	£2.00 for 100ml
Septrin Paediatric Tablets	PL 3/0108 20mg TMP 800mg SMX	£0.69 for 20

1. Willner, M.W., Dull, T.A., MacDonald, H. (1977), *Curr. Chemother.* 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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##### Presentations:

Amoxil syrup: 125mg and syrup forte 250mg per 5ml PL.0038/0108/9

Amoxil paediatric suspension: 125mg per 1.25ml PL.0038/0107

Amoxil capsules: 250mg and 500mg PL.0038/0103/5

Amoxil dispersible tablets: 500mg PL.0038/0277

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Amoxil vials for injection: 250mg, 500mg and 1g PL.0038/0221/2/5

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Average treatment cost: children 28p/day (125mg syrup t.d.s.) adults 49p/day (250mg capsules t.d.s.)

Dispersible tablet: 35p per tablet (30 pack), 3g Sachet £1.98 per sachet.

##### Dosage

Children's Dosage (up to 10 years)

Oral: 125mg three times a day.

In severe infections doses should be doubled.

Injectable: 50-100mg/kg bodyweight per day in divided doses.

##### Adult Dosage

Oral: 250mg three times a day.

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Injectable: 500mg IM 8 hourly (or more frequently if necessary) in moderate infections. 1g IV 6 hourly in severe infections.

##### Contra-Indications

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