

Bactrim (Septra/Cotrim/Sulfatrim)

What is it?

Bactrim is an antibiotic used to treat urinary tract infections.

Inform your provider if:

- You are pregnant, trying to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.
- You have had an allergic reaction to Bactrim, Sulfa, or trimethoprim in the past.
- You have liver or kidney disease.
- If you have anemia or other blood problems.
- If you have glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase (G6PD) deficiency.

Use:

- Take this medication by mouth with 8 ounces of water on an empty stomach (1 hour before or 2 hours after a meal).
- Continue taking this medication as prescribed even if you start to feel better.
- Do not miss any doses of this medication. If you do miss a dose, take it as soon as possible. Do not double dose.
- Call the office if your symptoms do not improve or get worse.
- Some people who use sulfa drugs become more sensitive to the sun; avoid too much sunlight while using these medications.

Side effects:

- Headache
- Loss of appetite
- Dizziness
- Nausea/Vomiting
- Diarrhea

Notify your provider immediately if you experience:

- Blood in the urine
- Change in frequency or amount of urine
- Lower back pain
- Swelling in the front of the neck
- Wheezing or trouble breathing
- Aching of joints or muscles
- Rash, blistering, bruising, itching, redness, bleeding, or peeling of the skin
- Increased thirst
- Blue color to fingernails, lips, or skin
- Pain with urination
- Yellow coloring of skin or eyes
- Unusual fatigue or weakness
- Trouble swallowing
- Pale skin

Things to remember with any medication:

- Keep medications away from children.
- Store medications in a cool, dark, dry environment.
- Throw away medicine that is outdated.
- Take medicine as prescribed.