

# Sulfamethoxazole and Trimethoprim

*Brand Name: Bactrim, Septra, Sulfatrim*

<b>General Information:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Septra is an antibiotic commonly used to treat urinary tract infections. It is also used in a smaller dose to prevent infections (prophylaxis).</li></ul>
<b>Dosage/Form:</b> (Comes in)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Tablets:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 80 mg trimethoprim and 400 mg sulfamethoxazole (Single strength)</li><li>○ 160 mg trimethoprim and 800 mg sulfamethoxazole (Double strength)</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Liquid:</b> 40 mg Trimethoprim and 200 mg sulfamethoxazole<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ One Teaspoon = 5 cc</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>General Instructions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Septra should be given every 12 hours. It may cause upset stomach and should be <b>taken with food</b>. It is important that the complete tablet or teaspoon of medicine is taken. To adequately treat an infection it is important that the course of treatment (10 days) be completed. However, if your child has a skin rash call the doctor or nurse before giving another dose.</li><li>• When Prescribed as a single dose to prevent infection, it is best to give it at bedtime</li></ul>
<b>Possible Side Effects:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Allergic reactions may occur in some children. It is important to notify the doctor/nurse if a rash occurs.</b> The doctor/nurse should be notified if fever, mouth sores, or unusual bleeding or bruising occurs and symptoms do not improve</li></ul>
<b>Cautions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Some individuals become very sensitive to sunlight while taking Septra. Use sunscreen and protective clothing to prevent a reaction</li></ul>