

Patient Information Leaflet

Read this entire leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine, because it contains important information for you.

Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.

- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you (or for your child). Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet

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1. What Co-amoxiclav tablets is and what it is used for

The full name of your medicine is Co-amoxiclav 500 mg/125 mg and 875mg/125mg film-coated tablets. In this leaflet the shorter name Co-amoxiclav tablets is used. Co-amoxiclav tablets is an antibiotic and works by killing bacteria that cause infections. It contains two different medicines called amoxicillin and clavulanic acid. Amoxicillin belongs to a group of medicines called 'penicillins' that can sometimes be stopped from working (made inactive). The other active component (clavulanic acid) stops this from happening.

Co-amoxiclav tablets is used in adults and children to treat the following infections:

- Middle ear and sinus infections
- Respiratory tract infections
- Urinary tract infections
- Skin and soft tissue infections including dental infections
- Bone and joint infections.

2. What you need to know before you take Co-amoxiclav tablets

Do not take Co-amoxiclav tablets:

- if you are allergic to amoxicillin, clavulanic acid, penicillin or any of the other ingredients of this medicine.
- if you have ever had a severe allergic (hypersensitive) reaction to any other antibiotic. This can include a skin rash or swelling of the face or neck

- if you have ever had liver problems or jaundice (yellowing of the skin) when taking an antibiotic.

Do not take Co-amoxiclav tablets if any of the above apply to you.

If you are not sure, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Co-amoxiclav tablets.

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Co-amoxiclav tablets if you:

- Have glandular fever
- Are being treated for liver or kidney problems
- Are not passing water regularly

If you are not sure if any of the above apply to you, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Co-amoxiclav tablets.

In some cases, your doctor may investigate the type of bacteria that is causing your infection. Depending on the results, you may be given a different strength of Co-amoxiclav tablets or a different medicine.

Conditions you need to look out for

Amoxicillin/clavulanic acid can make some existing conditions worse, or cause serious side effects. These include allergic reactions, convulsions (fits) and inflammation of the large intestine. You must look out for certain symptoms while you are taking amoxicillin/clavulanic acid, to reduce the risk of any problems.

Blood and urine tests

If you are having blood tests (such as red blood cell status tests or liver function tests) or urine tests (for glucose), let the doctor or nurse know that you are taking Co-amoxiclav tablets. This is because amoxicillin/clavulanic acid can affect the results of these types of tests.

Other medicines and Co-amoxiclav tablets

1. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines. This includes medicines that can be bought without a prescription and herbal medicines.
2. If you are taking allopurinol (used for gout) with Co-amoxiclav tablets, it may be more likely that you'll have an allergic skin reaction.
3. If you are taking probenecid (used for gout), your doctor may decide to adjust your dose of Co-amoxiclav tablets.
4. If medicines to help stop blood clots (such as warfarin) are taken with Co-amoxiclav tablets then extra blood tests may be needed.
5. Co-amoxiclav tablets can affect how methotrexate (a medicine used to treat cancer or rheumatic diseases) works.
6. Co-amoxiclav tablets may affect how mycophenolate mofetil (a medicine used to prevent the rejection of transplanted organs) works.

Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

Driving and using machines

can have side effects and the symptoms Co-amoxiclav tablets may make you unfit to drive. Do not drive or operate machinery unless you are feeling well.

3. How to take Co-amoxiclav tablets

Always take this medicine exactly as your doctor has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Adults and children weighing 40 kg and over

- The usual dose: 1 tablet three times a day

Children weighing less than 40 kg

- Children aged 6 years or less should preferably be treated with amoxicillin/clavulanic acid oral suspension or sachets.
- Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice when giving Co-amoxiclav tablets to children weighing less than 40 kg. The tablets are not suitable for children weighing less than 25 kg.

Patients with kidney and liver problems

- If you have kidney problems the dose might be changed. A different strength or a different medicine may be chosen by your doctor.
- If you have liver problems you may have more frequent blood tests to check how your liver is working.

How to take Co-amoxiclav tablets

- Swallow the tablets whole with a glass of water at the start of a meal or slightly before. Tablets can be broken along the score line to make them easier to swallow. You must take both pieces of the tablet at the same time.
- Space the doses evenly during the day, at least 4 hours apart. Do not take 2 doses in 1 hour.
- Do not take Co-amoxiclav tablets for more than two weeks. If you still feel unwell you should go back to see the doctor.

If you take more Co-amoxiclav tablets than you should

If you take too much Co-amoxiclav tablets, signs might include an upset stomach (feeling sick, being sick or diarrhoea) or convulsions. Talk to your doctor as soon as possible. Take the medicine carton or bottle to show the doctor.

If you forget to take Co-amoxiclav tablets

If you forget to take a dose, take it as soon as you remember. You should not take the next dose too soon, but wait about 4 hours before taking the next dose.

Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

If you stop taking Co-amoxiclav tablets

Keep taking Co-amoxiclav tablets until the treatment is finished, even if you feel better. You need every dose to help fight the infection. If some bacteria survive they can cause the infection to come back. If you have any further questions on the use of this product, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. **Serious side effects**

Contact a doctor immediately if you get any of these symptoms.

Allergic reactions

- Skin rash
- Inflammation of blood vessels (vasculitis) which may be visible as red or purple raised spots on the skin, but can affect other parts of the body
- Fever, joint pain, swollen glands in the neck, armpit or groin
- Swelling, sometimes of the face or mouth (angioedema), causing difficulty in breathing
- Collapse

Inflammation of large intestine

Inflammation of the large intestine, causing watery diarrhoea usually with blood and mucus, stomach pain and/or fever.

- Skin rash, which may blister, and looks like small targets (central dark spots surrounded by a paler area, with a dark ring around the edge – erythema multiforme)
- Inflammation of the protective membrane surrounding the brain (aseptic meningitis)
- Serious skin reactions:
 - A widespread rash with blisters and peeling skin, particularly around the mouth, nose, eyes and genitals (Stevens-Johnson syndrome), and a more severe form, causing extensive peeling of the skin (more than 30% of the body surface)
 - toxic epidermal necrolysis)
 - Widespread red skin rash with small pus-containing blisters (bullous exfoliative dermatitis)
 - A red, scaly rash with bumps under the skin and blisters (exanthemous pustulosis)
 - Flu-like symptoms with a rash, fever, swollen glands, and abnormal blood test results (including increased white blood cells (eosinophilia) and liver

enzymes) (Drug Reaction with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms (DRESS))

Very common side effects

These may affect more than 1 in 10 people

- Diarrhoea (in adults)

Common side effects

These may affect up to 1 in 10 people

- Thrush (candida – a yeast infection of the vagina, mouth or skin folds)
- Feeling sick (nausea), especially when taking high doses ◊ if affected take Co-amoxiclav tablets before food
- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea (in children)

Uncommon side effects

These may affect up to 1 in 100 people

- Skin rash, itching
- Raised itchy rash (hives)
- Indigestion
- Dizziness
- Headache

Uncommon side effects that may show up in your blood tests:

- Increase in some substances (enzymes) produced by the liver.

Rare side effects

These may affect up to 1 in 1000 people

Rare side effects that may show up in your blood tests:

- Low number of cells involved in blood clotting
- Low number of white blood cells.

Frequency not known

These side effects have occurred in a very small number of people but their exact frequency is unknown.

- Allergic reactions (see above)
- Inflammation of the large intestine (see above)
- Inflammation of the protective membrane surrounding the brain (aseptic meningitis)
- Inflammation of the liver (hepatitis)
- Jaundice, caused by increases in the blood of bilirubin (a substance produced in the liver) which may make your skin and whites of the eyes appear yellow
- Inflammation of tubes in the kidney
- Blood takes longer to clot
- Hyperactivity
- Convulsions (in people taking high doses of Co-amoxiclav tablets or who have kidney problems)
- Black tongue which looks hairy

Side effects that may show up in your blood or urine tests:

- Severe reduction in the number of white blood cells
- Low number of red blood cells (haemolytic anaemia)
- Crystals in urine

If you get side effects

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if any of the side effects become **severe or troublesome**, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet.

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

5. How to store Co-amoxiclav tablets

Do not store this medicine above 25°C. Store in the original package in order to protect from moisture.

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton or blister after “EXP”. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Co-amoxiclav tablets contains:

- Amoxicillin Trihydrate (compact)
- Potassium Clavulanate (Diluted with microcrystalline cellulose in the ratio 1:1)
- Microcrystalline Cellulose (pH112)
- Sodium Starch Glycolate
- Colloidal anhydrous silica
- Magnesium Stearate
- Hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose E5 (HPMC- E5)
- Hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose E15 (HPMC- E15)
- Titanium Dioxide
- Polyethylene glycol 6000 (PEG 6000)
- Simethicone
- Purified Water

What Co-amoxiclav tablets looks like and contents of the pack

A white or off-white oval shape film coated tablets plain on both sides. (Cledomox 625mg)

A white or off-white capsule shape film coated tablets scored in the middle on both sides. (Cledomox 1000mg)

Cledomox 625 and 1000 are available as 2 x7’ Alu-Alu Blister pack.

Not all packages or pack sizes may be marketed.

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