

KINAMOX

(AMOXICILLIN 125 mg/5 ml ORAL SUSPENSION BP

(AMOXICILLIN 250 mg/5 ml ORAL SUSPENSION BP)

Amoxicillin (as amoxicillin Trihydrate)

Package leaflet: Information for the patient

Read all of this 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 only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness 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. See section 4.

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1. WHAT AMOXICILLIN ORAL SUSPENSION IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR

What Amoxicillin Oral Suspension is

Amoxicillin Oral Suspension is an antibiotic. The active ingredient is amoxicillin. This belongs to a group of medicines called 'penicillin'

What Amoxicillin Oral Suspension is used for

Amoxicillin Oral Suspension is used to treat infections caused by bacteria in different parts of the body. Amoxicillin Oral Suspension may also be used in combination with other medicines to treat stomach ulcers.

2. WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU TAKE AMOXICILLIN ORAL SUSPENSION

Do not take Amoxicillin Oral Suspension:

- if you are allergic to amoxicillin, penicillin or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).
- if you have ever had an allergic reaction to any antibiotic. This can include a skin rash or swelling of the face or throat.

Do not take Amoxicillin Oral Suspension if any of the above apply. If you are not sure, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Amoxicillin Oral Suspension

Warnings and Precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Amoxicillin Oral Suspension if you:

- have kidney problems
- are not urinating regularly
- have glandular fever (fever, sore throat, swollen glands and extreme tiredness)

If you are not sure if any of the above apply to you, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Amoxicillin Oral Suspension.

Blood and urine tests

If you are having:

- Urine tests (glucose) or blood tests for liver function
- Oestrial tests (used during pregnancy to check the baby is developing normally)

Tell your doctor or pharmacist that you are taking Amoxicillin Oral Suspension. This is because Amoxicillin Oral Suspension can affect the results of these tests.

Other medicines and Amoxicillin Oral Suspension

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines.

- If you are taking allopurinol (used for gout) with Amoxicillin Oral Suspension, it may be more likely that you will have an allergic skin reaction.

- If you are taking probenecid (used for gout), your doctor may decide to adjust your dose of Amoxicillin Oral Suspension.

- If you are taking medicines to help stop blood clots (such as warfarin), you may need extra blood tests.

- If you are taking other antibiotics (such as tetracycline) Amoxicillin Oral Suspension may be less effective.

- If you are taking methotrexate (used for the treatment of cancer and severe psoriasis) Amoxicillin Oral Suspension may cause an increase in side effects.

- Oral typhoid vaccine (may not work if taken with Amoxicillin Oral Suspension).

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

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.

Driving and using machines

Amoxicillin Oral Suspension can have side effects and the symptoms (such as allergic reactions, dizziness and convulsions) may make you unfit to drive.

Do not drive or operate machinery unless you are feeling well.

Amoxicillin 125 mg/5 ml & 250 mg/5 ml Oral Suspension BP contains sucrose and sodium benzoate

Amoxicillin 250 mg/5 ml Oral Suspension BP contains 2.72g of sucrose per 5ml, Amoxicillin 125 mg/5 ml Oral Suspension BP contains 2.68g of sucrose per 5ml.

- This should be taken into account in patients with diabetes mellitus.
- If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicinal product.
- Sodium benzoate (E211) is a mild irritant to the eyes, skin and mucous membrane and can cause an increased risk of jaundice in new born babies.

3. HOW TO TAKE AMOXICILLIN ORAL SUSPENSION.

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

- Shake bottle well before each dose
- Space the doses evenly during the day, at least 4 hours apart.

The usual dose is:

Children weighing less than 40 kg

All doses are worked out depending on your child's body weight in kilograms.

- Your doctor will advise you how much Amoxicillin Oral Suspension you should give to your baby or child.
- The usual dose is 40 mg to 90 mg for each kilogram of body weight a day given in two or three divided doses.
- The maximum recommended dose is 100 mg for each kilogram of body weight a day.

Adults, elderly patients and children weighing 40 kg or more

This suspension is not usually prescribed for adults and children weighing more than 40 kg. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice.

Kidney problems

If you have kidney problems the dose might be lower than the usual dose.

If you take more Amoxicillin Oral Suspension than you should

If you have taken too much Amoxicillin Oral Suspension, signs might be an upset stomach (feeling sick, being sick or diarrhoea) or crystals in the urine, which may be seen as cloudy urine, or problems urinating. Talk to your doctor as soon as possible. Take the medicine to show the doctor.

If you forget to take Amoxicillin Oral Suspension

- If you forget to take a dose, take it as soon as you remember.
- Do not take the next dose too soon, wait about 4 hours before taking the next dose.
- Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

How long should you take Amoxicillin Oral Suspension for?

- Keep taking Amoxicillin Oral Suspension for as long as your doctor has told you to, 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.

- Once you finish treatment, if you still feel unwell you should go back to see the doctor

Thrush (a yeast infection of moist areas of the body which can cause soreness, itching and white discharge) may develop if Amoxicillin Oral Suspension is used for a long time. If this occurs tell your doctor.

If you take Amoxicillin Oral Suspension for a long time, your doctor may perform additional tests to check your kidneys, liver and blood are working normally.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

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

Stop taking Amoxicillin Oral Suspension and see a doctor straight away, if you notice any of the following serious side effects – you may need urgent medical treatment:

The following are very rare (may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people)

- allergic reactions, the signs may include: skin itching or rash, swelling of the face, lips, tongue, body or breathing difficulties. These can be serious and occasionally deaths have occurred

- rash or pinpoint flat red round spots under the skin surface or bruising of the skin. This is due to inflammation of blood vessel walls due to an allergic reaction. It can be associated with joint pain (arthritis) and kidney problems

- a delayed allergic reaction can occur usually 7 to 12 days after having Amoxicillin Oral

Suspension, some signs include: rashes, fever, joint pains and enlargement of the lymph nodes especially under the arms

- a skin reaction known as ‘erythema multiforme’ where you may develop: itchy reddish purple patches on the skin especially on the palms of the hands or soles of the feet, ‘hive-like’ raised swollen areas on the skin, tender areas on the surfaces of the mouth, eyes and genitals. You may have a fever and be very tired

- other severe skin reactions can include: changes in skin colour, bumps under the skin, blistering, pustules, peeling, redness, pain, itching, scaling. These may be associated with fever, headaches and body aches

- 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)).

- fever, chills, a sore throat or other signs of an infection, or if you bruise easily. These may be signs of a problem with your blood cells

- the Jarisch-Herxheimer reaction which occurs during treatment with Amoxicillin Oral Suspension for Lyme disease and causes fever, chills, headache, muscle pain and skin rash.

- inflammation of the large bowel (colon) with diarrhoea (sometimes containing blood), pain and fever

- serious liver side effects may occur. They are mainly associated with people having treatment over a long period, males and the elderly. You must tell your doctor urgently if you get:

- severe diarrhoea with bleeding
- blisters, redness or bruising of the skin
- darker urine or paler stools
- yellowing of the skin or the whites of the eyes (jaundice). See also anaemia below which might result in jaundice

These can happen when having the medicine or for up to several weeks after **If any of the above happens stop taking the medicine and see your doctor straight away.**

Sometimes you may get less severe skin reactions such as:

- a mildly itchy rash (round, pink-red patches), ‘hive-like’ swollen areas on forearms, legs, palms, hands or feet. This is uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people).

If you have any of these talk to your doctor as Amoxicillin Oral Suspension will need to be stopped.

The other possible side effects are:

Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)

- skin rash
- feeling sick (nausea)
- diarrhoea.

Uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)

- being sick (vomiting)

Very rare (may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people)

- thrush (a yeast infection of the vagina, mouth or skin folds), you can get treatment for thrush from your doctor or pharmacist.

- kidney problems
- fits (convulsions), seen in patients on high doses or with kidney problems
- dizziness

- hyperactivity

- crystals in the urine, which may be seen as cloudy urine, or difficulty or discomfort in passing urine. Make sure you drink plenty of fluids to reduce the chance of these symptoms

- teeth may appear stained, usually returning to normal with brushing (this has been reported in children).

- the tongue may change to yellow, brown or black and it may have a hairy appearance

- an excessive breakdown of red blood cells causing a type of anaemia.

Signs include:

tiredness, headaches, shortness of breath, dizziness, looking pale and yellowing of the skin and the whites of the eyes

- low number of white blood cells

- low number of cells involved with blood clotting

- the blood may take longer to clot than it normally would. You may notice this if you have a nosebleed or cut yourself.

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet., By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. HOW TO STORE AMOXICILLIN ORAL SUSPENSION

Store in a cool dry place below 25°C, protected from light.

Must be used within seven days after reconstitution.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the label/carton/bottle. 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 require. These measures will help protect the environment

6. CONTENTS OF THE PACK AND OTHER INFORMATION

What Amoxicillin Oral Suspension BP contains:

- The active substance in each suspension is 125 mg or 250 mg of amoxicillin as amoxicillin Trihydrate

The other ingredients are Sucrose, Sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, Sodium benzoate, Sodium chloride, Sodium citrate, Colloidal silicon dioxide, Magnesium stearate, colour Quinoline yellow, Flavor pineapple.

What Amoxicillin Oral Suspension BP look like and the contents of the pack:

Amoxicillin 125 mg/5 ml and 250 mg/5 ml Oral Suspension BP is available as a off white granular dry powder in a bottle for preparation of a yellowish suspension

SHELF LIFE: Three (3) years.

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

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