

Brand Name: Septra DS
Common Name: Sulfamethoxazole-Trimethoprim



What is Septra?

Septra is a combination of two antibiotics, sulfamethoxazole and trimethoprim. Septra is used to treat a wide variety of infections. It is also used to prevent and treat a type of pneumonia called pneumocystis. The prevention of pneumocystis is the reason that you are taking Septra.

How should Septra be taken?

Take Septra by mouth, 3 times per week (e.g. Mon, Wed, Fri only), with a full glass of water. Septra may be taken with or without food. If your stomach becomes upset, take Septra with food or milk instead.

If you miss a dose:

Take it as soon as you remember. If it is close to the next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your normal time. It is important to remember to take this medication regularly and on time.

If you are sick:

If you vomit within 30 minutes of taking Septra, you should take it again. If you vomit more than 30 minutes after taking your dose, it is not necessary to take another dose. If you have diarrhea for several days or continue to vomit, you should contact your transplant team.

How should Septra be stored?

Keep your medications away from extremes of temperature (very hot or very cold). Keep them at room temperature, away from children. Do not keep medication in your vehicle. When you travel, take your medication in a carry-on bag and keep it with you at all times.

What are the side effects?

Septra is usually well tolerated with few side effects. You may experience upset stomach, diarrhea or loss of appetite.

Drug interactions

It is important to check with your doctor or pharmacist before you take any new medications, even products you buy off the shelf, to make sure it will not interact with Septra.

