

Patient Information

Renal Services

Co-trimoxazole: Information for kidney transplant patients

What is it used for?

When your immune system is suppressed you become more prone to particular rare chest infections. Co-trimoxazole helps to prevent this infection.

How does it work?

Co-trimoxazole is a combination of antibiotics which are particularly effective at preventing *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia (also known as *Pneumocystis jirovecii*). This is a rare infection, but is more common in patients with a poor immune system.

How do I take it?

You should take your tablet once daily for the first six months after your transplant. Co-trimoxazole is available as 480mg tablets, or 480mg/5ml suspension.

Are there any side effects?

You may have some nausea or vomiting.
You may develop a rash. If this happens stop taking the tablets immediately and let your doctor know.

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