

Renal Services

Co-trimoxazole: information for kidney transplant patients

What is Co-trimoxazole used for?

You are more at risk of some rare chest infections when your immune system is suppressed. Co-trimoxazole helps to prevent these infections.

How does Co-trimoxazole work?

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

How to take Co-trimoxazole

You should take your Co-trimoxazole tablet once a day for the first six months after your transplant.

Co-trimoxazole is available as 480mg tablets, or a 480mg/5ml suspension.

Side effects

You may feel or be sick (nausea or vomiting).

You may develop a rash. Stop taking the tablets immediately and contact your doctor if this happens.



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