

## **Bactrim (trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, Septra)**

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For questions or an appointment, call (806)797-1202

Dr. Paulger/Wisniewski has placed you on Bactrim. As with all medications, adverse reactions or side effects are possible and you should be aware of these. Should any unusual problem occur, you should bring it to the attention of the doctor. Remember, **any medication can cause any side effect**. Listed below are some adverse reactions that can be more commonly associated with this medication.

### **Adverse reactions to watch for:**

- \*Nausea, vomiting, appetite loss
- \*Severe diarrhea or abdominal pain
- \*Dizziness
- \*Anemia
- \*Sore Throat or fever/chills or joint pains
- \*Any other unusual symptoms

Some people can be **allergic** to Bactrim. **If you develop a skin rash, blisters, widespread itching or other unusual rash – stop this medication and call.**

**Warning:** You should not take bactrim if you are allergic to sulfa drugs or have **megaloblastic anemia due to folate deficiency**. Bactrim may interact with anticoagulants (Coumadin/warfarin), oral hypoglycemic (for diabetes), phenytoin and methotrexate. Bactrim should not be taken if you are pregnant or nursing. You should call if any of the above problems occur.

### **Important Points:**

Drink a full **glass of water** with each dose. You can **take with food** to minimize upset stomach.

Be careful in the sun since Bactrim makes you more **sensitive to sunlight**/tanning beds.

**NOTE: This is not a comprehensive information sheet. If you desire complete drug information, contact the pharmacist or refer to the “package insert”.**