# TRIMETHOPRIM

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## What does it do?

*Trimethoprim* is an antibiotic used to treat and prevent urine infections, often called UTIs (urinary tract infections).

## Before you start

- Tell your health professional if you have kidney or blood problems.
- Tell your health professional if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.

## How should you take it?

Take *trimethoprim* regularly as directed with a glass of water. You can take it with or without food. Keep taking it until the course is finished, even if you start to feel better.

## What if you forget a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as possible and continue as directed.

## Can you take other medicines?

Some medicines available without a prescription may react with *trimethoprim* including:

- potassium supplements (e.g. Span K®)

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products or recreational drugs.

## What side effects might you notice?

| Side Effects | Recommended action |
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| Skin rash, skin peeling or blisters | Stop taking and see your doctor immediately |
| Severe headache, stiff neck, confusion, eyes sensitive to light<br>Reduced number of blood cells that fight infections or help your blood to clot - symptoms include: fever, chills, sore throat or generally feeling unwell, or easy or unusual bruising or bleeding | Tell your doctor immediately |
| Changes in heartbeat, muscle cramps or weakness | Tell your doctor |
| Stomach upset | Tell your health professional if troublesome |

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.