

Oxford Centre for Respiratory Medicine, Churchill Hospital

## Information about Temocillin

### **What is Temocillin?**

Temocillin is a penicillinase – resistant penicillin. It kills bacteria by interfering with the ability of the bacteria to form cell walls. The bacteria therefore break up and die.

Temocillin is used to treat infections caused by the bacterium called *Burkholderia cepacia*.

### **What are the possible side effects of temocillin?**

If you experience any of the following serious side effects, stop taking temocillin and seek emergency medical attention:

- Rash
- Itchy skin
- Swelling of the face, tongue or throat
- Shortness of breath
- Unusual bruising or bleeding.

Other, less serious side effects may be more likely to occur. Continue to take temocillin and talk to the CF/Bronchiectasis team if you experience:

- Upset stomach
- Vomiting
- Unpleasant or abnormal taste
- Diarrhoea
- Headache
- Constipation
- Insomnia.

Side effects other than those listed above may also occur. Talk to a member of the CF/Bronchiectasis team about any side effect that seems unusual or that is especially bothersome.