

Oxford Centre for Respiratory Medicine, Churchill Hospital

Information about Co-Trimoxazole

What is Co-Trimoxazole?

Co-trimoxazole is a combination of two antibiotics – trimethoprim and sulphamethoxazole – which eliminates many kinds of bacterial infections.

What are the possible side effects of co-trimoxazole?

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

- Allergic reaction – difficulty breathing, closing of the throat, swelling of the lips, tongue, or face
- Cough
- Fever
- Headache
- Joint or muscle ache
- Yellowing of the skin or eyes
- Skin rash
- Unusual tiredness or weakness
- Unusual bruising or bleeding

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

- Dizziness or loss of balance
- Loss of appetite
- Upset stomach

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.