

Trimopan 200 : the first calendar reminder pack for Trimethoprim to aid patient compliance.

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TRIMOPAN[®] 200_{mg}

Each tablet contains
Trimethoprim B P 200mg

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**The first Calendar reminder pack for
Trimethoprim to aid patient compliance**

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Trimethoprim

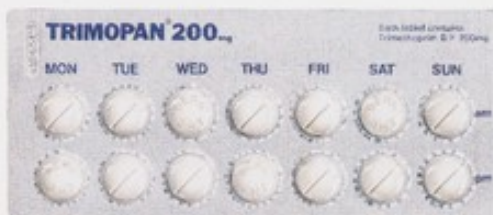
The first Calendar reminder Pack

The only trimethoprim tablet available in a calendar pack to aid patient compliance. Units of 14 tablets provide 7 days treatment.

The first 200 mg Trimethoprim tablet

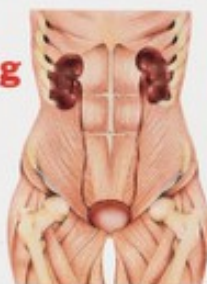
Trimopan 200 mg simplifies treatment for convenient one tablet b.d. dosage.

Trimopan 200 mg
prescribable in
units of 14 tablets
providing 7 days
treatment.



Chest infections

TRIMOPAN[®] 200mg
Trimethoprim
one tablet b.d.



Urinary tract infections

The effective treatment for chest and urinary tract infections^{1,2}

Prescribing Information

Presentation:

White, circular, biconvex tablets, marked 'BERK 200' on one side with a single break-line on the reverse. Each tablet contains 200mg Trimethoprim B.P.

White, circular, biconvex tablets, marked 'BERK 100' on one side with a single break-line on the reverse. Each tablet contains 100mg Trimethoprim B.P.

Uses:

Trimopan (Trimethoprim) has potent antimicrobial activity due to its selective inhibition of bacterial dihydrofolate reductase. It is effective *in-vitro* against most Gram-positive and Gram-negative aerobic organisms, including *Haemophilus influenzae*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *E. coli*, *Enterobacter*, *Proteus* and *Streptococcus faecalis*.

Exceptions include anaerobic bacteria, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Treponema pallidum*.

Indications:

Treatment of susceptible infections caused by trimethoprim-sensitive organisms including urinary tract and respiratory tract infections. Prophylaxis of recurrent urinary tract infections.

Dosage and Administration:

Adults and children over 12 years of age: Treatment of urinary tract infections and all other susceptible infections: 200mg twice daily.

Long-term prophylaxis of recurrent urinary tract infections: 100mg each night before bed.

Children 4 months to 12 years of age:

Treatment of urinary tract infections and all other susceptible infections: 6mg/kg body weight daily, subdivided into 2 equal doses. Long-term prophylaxis of recurrent urinary tract infections: 2.5mg/kg body weight daily given as a single dose before bed.

Contra-indications, Warnings, etc:

Contra-indications: Severe hepatic insufficiency. Severe renal insufficiency, unless blood trimethoprim concentrations can be monitored regularly. Megaloblastic anaemia and other blood dyscrasias.

Trimethoprim should not be administered to pregnant women, premature infants or children under 4 months of age.

Precautions:

In patients with marked impairment of renal function, care should be taken to avoid accumulation and resulting adverse haematological effects. Regular haematological tests should be undertaken in patients receiving long-term treatment and those predisposed to folate deficiency. Particular care should be exercised in the haematological monitoring of children on long-term therapy. The usual caution in prescribing any drug for women of child-bearing age should be exercised with trimethoprim. Trimethoprim is excreted in breast milk but is not contra-indicated for short-term use in lactating mothers.

Side-effects:

Nausea, vomiting, gastrointestinal disturbance, headache, skin rashes and pruritus have rarely been reported.

Isolated cases of megaloblastic anaemia during prolonged therapy with trimethoprim in doses higher than those recommended have been reported but these are reversible with discontinuation of therapy and administration of folic acid.

Treatment of overdosage:

Symptomatic treatment, gastric lavage and forced diuresis can be used. Depression of haematopoiesis by trimethoprim can be counteracted by intramuscular administration of calcium folinate.

Pharmaceutical Precautions:

No special precautions.

Legal Category: POM.

Package Quantities:

100mg tablets: Containers of 100 tablets. 200mg tablets: Containers of 100 tablets. Carton of 5 calendar packs in strips of 14 tablets.

Further Information: Nil.

Product Licence Numbers:

100mg tablets: 0152/0156.

200mg tablets: 0152/0162.

Basic NHS cost:

TRIMOPAN 100mg tablets: Containers of 100 £5.30.

TRIMOPAN 200mg tablets: Containers of 100 £10.43.

TRIMOPAN 200 mg tablets.

Carton of 5 Calendar Packs in strips of 14 tablets £245.

References

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