

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET

BETA-LACTAM ANTIBIOTICS

Amoxicillin
Penicillin V
Augmentin
Unasyn
Cloxacillin
Cefuroxime
Cephalexin

ABOUT your medicine

Beta-lactam antibiotics can be used in infections of the respiratory tract, genitourinary tract and gastrointestinal tract, skin and soft tissue, biliary tract, bone and pelvic infections, gonorrhoea, Helicobacter Pylori eradication in duodenal and gastric ulcer diseases and prevention of blood and heart infections associated with surgical procedures in high risk patients.

HOW should I take the medicine?

Take this medicine with or after food.

The course of antibiotics should be completed even though you may be feeling better or your symptoms have resolved as inadequate treatment can lead to recurrence of the infection or result in the development of resistance to treatment. However, should you develop any allergic reactions such as rashes, swollen eyes or difficulties in breathing, stop taking the medicine and consult your doctor.

What should I do if **I FORGET** a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember. However, if it is almost time for your next dose, skip the dose you missed and take only your next scheduled dose. Do not double your dose to make up for a missed dose.

What are the possible **SIDE-EFFECTS** of the medicine?

Expected side-effects include nausea, vomiting, stomach pain, and diarrhoea. Consult the doctor immediately if you develop any skin rashes, swollen face, or difficulty breathing, fever or chills, or numbness, tingling, or pin-prick sensation in the fingers and toes.

What **PRECAUTIONS** should I take?

Tell the doctor if you have a history of allergy to penicillins or other drugs.

How should **I STORE** the medicine?

Store the medicine in a cool, dry place. Protect from moisture, heat and direct sunlight.

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Keep all medication out of reach of children

Discard all medication that has expired or is no longer required