

Sulfasalazine 500 mg

Common uses

This medicine is a sulfonamide used to treat ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, and rheumatoid arthritis. It may also be used to treat other conditions as determined by your doctor.

Before using

Some medicines or medical conditions may interact with this medicine. **INFORM YOUR DOCTOR OR PHARMACIST** of all prescription and over-the-counter medicine that you are taking. **ADDITIONAL MONITORING OF YOUR DOSE OR CONDITION** may be needed if you are taking methotrexate. Inform your doctor of any other medical conditions, allergies, pregnancy, or breast-feeding. Contact your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions or concerns about using this medicine. **USE OF THIS MEDICINE IN CHILDREN** under 3 years old is not recommended. Please talk with your doctor about risks and benefits before giving this medicine to your child.

Directions

Follow the directions for using this medicine provided by your doctor. **TAKE THIS MEDICINE WITH FOOD** and a full glass of water. **DRINKING EXTRA FLUIDS** while you are taking this medicine is recommended. Check with your doctor or nurse for instructions. **SPACE YOUR DOSES EVENLY** over each 24 hour period. If possible, try not to space any dose more than 8 hours from the next dose. **STORE THIS MEDICINE** at room temperature in a tightly-closed container, away from heat and light. **IF YOU MISS A DOSE OF THIS MEDICINE**, take it as soon as possible. If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular dosing schedule. Do not take 2 doses at once.

Cautions

TELL YOUR DOCTOR OR PHARMACIST IF YOU ARE ALLERGIC to sulfonamides (sulfa drugs) before taking this medicine. **DO NOT TAKE THIS MEDICINE IF YOU HAVE HAD A SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION** to aspirin or any medicine containing aspirin. A severe reaction includes a severe rash, hives, breathing difficulties, or dizziness. If you have a question about whether you are allergic to this medicine, contact your doctor or pharmacist. **KEEP ALL DOCTOR AND LABORATORY APPOINTMENTS** while you are using this medicine. **DRINKING EXTRA FLUIDS** while you are taking this medicine is recommended. Check with your doctor or nurse for instructions. **THIS MEDICINE MAY CAUSE** increased sensitivity to the sun. Avoid exposure to the sun or sunlamps until you know how you react to this medicine. Use a sunscreen or protective clothing if you must be outside for a prolonged period. **THIS MEDICINE MAY CAUSE** a harmless, yellow-orange discoloration of the urine or skin. **IF YOU EXPERIENCE** difficulty breathing or tightness of chest; swelling of eyelids, face, or lips; or develop a rash or hives, tell your doctor immediately and before taking any more of this medicine. **FOR WOMEN: THIS MEDICINE IS EXCRETED IN BREAST MILK. DO NOT BREAST-FEED** while taking this medicine.