

DRUG SAFETY NOTICE

DRUG NAME/STRENGTH/FORM:

**Co-trimoxazole 40mg/200mg/5mL
sugar free oral suspension**

PROBLEM

Co-trimoxazole 40mg/200mg/5mL sugar free oral suspension is out of stock until early February 2024.

ADVICE / ALTERNATIVE

Co-trimoxazole 80mg/400mg/5mL oral suspension remains available and can support increased demand.

- This product is licenced for patients aged > 12 years.
 - Use in younger patients is off label.
- This product contains different excipients:
 - It may not be as palatable for some children.
 - It is not suitable for patients with rare hereditary problems of fructose intolerance, glucose-galactose malabsorption or sucrose-isomaltase insufficiency.

Table 1: Excipients specific to each presentation

Co-trimoxazole 40mg/200mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free	Co-trimoxazole 80mg/400mg/5ml oral suspension
Sorbitol solution 70% (non crystallising) (E420 ii) Sodium Carmellose Sodium Benzoate (E211) Flavour, Banana 81.605P	Syrup or sucrose Sodium carboxymethylcellulose (E467) Ammonium glycyrrhizinate Star Anise Oil

ACTIONS

Where co-trimoxazole 40mg/200mg/5mL sugar free oral suspension is required and unavailable:

- Consider prescribing co-trimoxazole 80mg/400mg/5mL oral suspension.
- Ensure that the patient is not intolerant to any of the excipients.
- Counsel on the appropriate dose and volume.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT WARD PHARMACIST OR TECHNICIAN
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