

Primsol® Solution

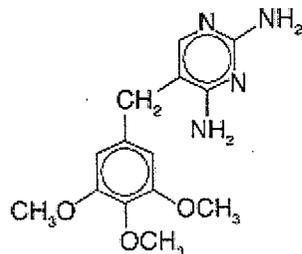
(trimethoprim hydrochloride oral solution)

Dye-free, alcohol-free, flavored solution,

50 mg trimethoprim per 5 mL

DESCRIPTION

PRIMSOL (trimethoprim hydrochloride oral solution) is a solution of the synthetic antibacterial trimethoprim in water prepared with the aid of hydrochloric acid. Each 5 mL for oral administration contains trimethoprim hydrochloride equivalent to 50 mg trimethoprim and the inactive ingredients bubble gum flavor, fructose, glycerin, methylparaben, monoammonium glycyrrhizinate, povidone, propylparaben, propylene glycol, saccharin sodium, sodium benzoate, sorbitol, water and hydrochloric acid and/or sodium hydroxide to adjust pH to a range of 3.0 - 5.0. Trimethoprim is 2,4-diamino-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl) pyrimidine. Trimethoprim is a white to cream-colored, odorless, bitter compound with a molecular formula of $C_{14}H_{18}N_4O_3$ and a molecular weight of 290.32 and the following structural formula:



CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

Trimethoprim is rapidly absorbed following oral administration. It exists in the blood as unbound, protein-bound and metabolized forms. Ten to twenty percent of trimethoprim is metabolized, primarily in the liver; the remainder is excreted unchanged in the urine. The principal metabolites of trimethoprim are the 1- and 3-oxides and the 3'- and 4'-hydroxy derivatives. The free form is considered to be the therapeutically active form. Approximately 44% of trimethoprim is bound to plasma proteins.

Mean peak plasma concentrations of approximately 1 mcg/mL occur 1 to 4 hours after oral administration of a single 100 mg dose. A single 200 mg dose will result in plasma concentrations approximately twice as high. The mean half-life of trimethoprim is approximately 9 hours. However, patients with severely impaired renal function exhibit an increase in the half-life of trimethoprim, which requires either dosage regimen adjustment or not using the drug in such patients (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION section). During a 13-week study of trimethoprim tablets administered at a dosage of 50 mg q.i.d., the mean minimum steady-state concentration of the drug was 1.1 mcg/mL. Steady-state concentrations were achieved within two to three days of chronic administration and were maintained throughout the experimental period.

Excretion of trimethoprim is primarily by the kidneys through glomerular filtration and tubular secretion. Urine concentrations of trimethoprim are considerably higher than are the concentrations in the blood. After a single oral dose of 100 mg, urine concentrations of trimethoprim ranged from 30 to 160 mcg/mL during the 0- to 4-hour period and declined to approximately 18 to 91 mcg/mL during the 8- to 24-hour period. A 200 mg single oral dose will result in trimethoprim urine concentrations

approximately twice as high. After oral administration, 50% to 60% of trimethoprim is excreted in the urine within 24 hours, approximately 80% of this being unmetabolized trimethoprim.

Trimethoprim half-life, clearance, and volume of distribution vary with age. Excluding newborns, an apparent trend of increasing half-life, volume of distribution, and decreasing clearance is observed with increasing age until adulthood.

Since normal vaginal and fecal flora are the source of most pathogens causing urinary tract infections, it is relevant to consider the distribution of trimethoprim into these sites. Concentrations of trimethoprim in vaginal secretions are consistently greater than those found simultaneously in the serum, being typically 1.6 times the concentrations of simultaneously obtained serum samples. Sufficient trimethoprim is excreted in the feces to markedly reduce or eliminate trimethoprim-susceptible organisms from the fecal flora. The dominant non-*Enterobacteriaceae* fecal organisms, *Bacteroides* spp. and *Lactobacillus* spp., are not susceptible to trimethoprim concentrations obtained with the recommended dosage.

Trimethoprim also concentrates into middle ear fluid (MEF) very efficiently. In a study in children aged 1 to 12 years, administration of a single 4 mg/kg dose resulted in a mean peak MEF concentration of 2.0 mcg/mL.

Trimethoprim also passes the placental barrier and is excreted in breast milk.

Microbiology

Mechanism of Action

Trimethoprim blocks the production of tetrahydrofolic acid from dihydrofolic acid by binding to and reversibly inhibiting the required enzyme, dihydrofolate reductase. This binding is very much stronger for the bacterial enzyme than for the corresponding mammalian enzyme. Thus, trimethoprim selectively interferes with bacterial biosynthesis of nucleic acids and proteins.

Resistance

Resistance to trimethoprim may be conferred by a variety of mechanisms including cell wall impermeability, overproduction of the chromosomal dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR) enzyme, production of a resistant chromosomal DHFR enzyme or production of a plasmid-mediated trimethoprim-resistant DHFR enzyme, *Acinetobacter baumannii*/*Acinetobacter calcoaceticus* complex, *Burkholderia cepacia* complex, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia* are intrinsically resistant to trimethoprim. Non-*Enterobacteriaceae* fecal organisms, *Bacteroides* spp. and *Lactobacillus* spp. are not susceptible to trimethoprim at the concentrations obtained with the recommended dosage. *Moraxella catarrhalis* isolates were found consistently resistant to trimethoprim. *Enterococcus* spp. (*E. faecalis*, *E. faecium*, *E. gallinarum*/*E. casseliflavus*) may appear active *in vitro* to trimethoprim but are not effective clinically and should not be reported as susceptible.

Antimicrobial Activity

Trimethoprim has been shown to be active against most strains of the following microorganisms, both *in vitro* and in clinical infections as described in the INDICATIONS AND USAGE section.

Aerobic gram-positive bacteria

Staphylococcus species (coagulase-negative strains, including *S. saprophyticus*)
Streptococcus pneumoniae (penicillin-susceptible strains)

Aerobic gram-negative bacteria

Enterobacter species
Escherichia coli
Haemophilus influenzae (excluding beta-lactamase negative, ampicillin resistant strains)
Klebsiella pneumoniae
Proteus mirabilis

Susceptibility Test Methods

When available, the clinical microbiology laboratory should provide cumulative reports of *in vitro* susceptibility test results for antimicrobial drugs used in local hospitals and practice areas to the physician as periodic reports that describe the susceptibility profile of nosocomial and community-acquired pathogens. These reports should aid the physician in selecting an antibacterial drug for treatment.

Dilution techniques

Quantitative methods are used to determine antimicrobial minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs). These MICs provide estimates of the susceptibility of bacteria to antimicrobial compounds. The MICs should be determined using a standardized procedure (broth and/or agar).^{1, 3} The MIC values should be interpreted according to the criteria provided in Table 1.

Diffusion techniques

Quantitative methods that require measurement of zone diameters can also provide reproducible estimates of the susceptibility of bacteria to antimicrobial compounds. The zone size should be determined using a standardized test method.^{2,3} This procedure uses paper disks impregnated with 5 mcg trimethoprim to test the susceptibility of bacteria to trimethoprim. The disc diffusion breakpoints are provided in Table 1.

Table 1. Susceptibility Test Interpretive Criteria for Trimethoprim

Pathogen	Minimum Inhibitory Concentrations (mcg/mL)			Zone Diameters (mm)		
	S	I	R	S	I	R
<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	≤8		≥16	≥16	11-15	≤10
Coagulase negative staphylococci (including <i>S. saprophyticus</i>)	≤8		≥16	≥16	11-15	≤10
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	≤0.5	1-2	≥4	≥16	11-15	≤10

Note: *S. pneumoniae* are not susceptible to trimethoprim at the concentrations obtained with the recommended dosage.

A report of *Susceptible (S)* indicates that the antimicrobial drug is likely to inhibit growth of the pathogen if the antimicrobial drug reaches the concentration usually achievable at the site of infection. A report of *Intermediate (I)* indicates that the result should be considered equivocal, and, if the microorganism is not fully susceptible to alternative, clinically feasible drugs, the test should be repeated. This category implies possible clinical applicability in body sites where the drug is physiologically concentrated or in situations where a high dose of the drug can be used. This category also provides a buffer zone that prevents small uncontrolled technical factors from causing major discrepancies in interpretation. A report of *Resistant (R)* indicates that the antimicrobial drug is not

likely to inhibit growth of the pathogen if the antimicrobial drug reaches the concentration usually achievable at the infection site; other therapy should be selected.

Quality Control

Standardized susceptibility test procedures require the use of laboratory controls to monitor and ensure the accuracy and precision of supplies and reagents used in the assay, and the techniques of the individuals performing the test^{1,2,3}. Standard trimethoprim powder should provide the following range of MIC values noted in Table 2. For the diffusion technique using the 5 mcg disk, the criteria in Table 2 should be achieved.

Table 2. Acceptable Quality Control Ranges to be Used in the Validation of Susceptibility Test Results

QC Strain	Minimum Inhibitory Concentrations (mcg/mL)	Zone Diameters (mm)
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> ATCC 29212	0.12-0.50	--
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922	0.5-2.0	21-28
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> ATCC 49247	0.06-0.50	27-33
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC 29213	1-4	--
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC 25923	--	19-26
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> ATCC 49619	1-4	--
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> ATCC 27853	> 64	--

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

PRIMSOL Solution is indicated for the treatment of infections caused by susceptible strains of the designated microorganisms in the conditions listed below.

Pediatric Patients:

Acute Otitis Media: For the treatment of acute otitis media due to susceptible strains of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and *Haemophilus influenzae*.

NOTE: *Moraxella catarrhalis* isolates were found consistently resistant to trimethoprim *in vitro*. Therefore, when infection with *Moraxella catarrhalis* is suspected, the use of alternative antimicrobial agents should be considered. PRIMSOL is not indicated for prophylactic or prolonged administration in otitis media at any age.

Adults:

Urinary Tract Infections: For the treatment of initial episodes of uncomplicated urinary tract infections due to susceptible strains of the following organisms: *Escherichia coli*, *Proteus mirabilis*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Enterobacter* species and coagulase-negative *Staphylococcus* species, including *S.saprophyticus*.

Cultures and susceptibility tests should be performed to determine the susceptibility of the bacteria to trimethoprim. Therapy may be initiated prior to obtaining the results of these tests.

CLINICAL STUDIES

The results of one multicenter, 30-day, comparative, randomized clinical trial without tympanocentesis in 262 pediatric patients with acute otitis media (AOM) are shown below. In this clinical trial, strict evaluability criteria were used to determine clinical response.

	PRIMSOL	SMX + TMP*
Enrolled	133	129
Evaluable	130	129
Clinical Cure	64/130 (49%)	63/129 (49%)
Clinical Improvement	30/130 (23%)	31/129 (24%)
Relapse/Recurrence	19/130 (15%)	18/129 (14%)
Outcome (based on 95% confidence interval)		PRIMSOL equivalent to TMP + SMX

*sulfamethoxazole + trimethoprim oral suspension

The results of an uncontrolled 30-day trial with tympanocentesis in 120 pediatric patients with AOM are shown below:

	Number of patients	
Enrolled	120	
Clinically Evaluable	102	
Microbiologically Evaluable	58	
Clinical Cure	50/102 (49%)	
Clinical Improvement	22/102 (22%)	
Clinical Relapse/Recurrence	20/102 (20%)	
Microbiologic Eradication Rates n=58	Day 5 post-therapy	Day 20 post-therapy
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	16/20 (80%)	14/20 (70%)
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	14/17 (82%)	13/17 (77%)

Moraxella catarrhalis, isolated from five patients, was found consistently resistant to trimethoprim *in vitro*.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

PRIMSOL is contraindicated in individuals hypersensitive to trimethoprim and in those with documented megaloblastic anemia due to folate deficiency.

WARNINGS

Experience with trimethoprim alone is limited, but it has been reported rarely to interfere with hematopoiesis, especially when administered in large doses and/or for prolonged periods.

The presence of clinical signs such as sore throat, fever, pallor or purpura may be early indications of serious blood disorders.

PRECAUTIONS

General: Trimethoprim should be given with caution to patients with possible folate deficiency. Folates may be administered concomitantly without interfering with the antibacterial action of trimethoprim. Trimethoprim should also be given with caution to patients with impaired renal or hepatic function. If any clinical signs of a blood disorder are noted in a patient receiving trimethoprim, a complete blood count should be obtained and the drug discontinued if a significant reduction in the count of any formed blood element is found.

Drug Interactions: PRIMSOL may inhibit the hepatic metabolism of phenytoin. Trimethoprim, given at a common clinical dosage, increased the phenytoin half-life by 51% and decreased the phenytoin metabolic clearance rate by 30%. When administering these drugs concurrently, one should be alert for possible excessive phenytoin effect.

Drug/Laboratory Test Interactions: Trimethoprim can interfere with a serum methotrexate assay as determined by the competitive binding protein technique (CBPA) when a bacterial dihydrofolate reductase is used as the binding protein. No interference occurs, however, if methotrexate is measured by a radioimmunoassay (RIA).

The presence of trimethoprim may also interfere with the Jaffé alkaline picrate reaction assay for creatinine resulting in overestimations of about 10% in the range of normal values.

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility: Long-term studies in animals to evaluate carcinogenic potential have not been conducted with trimethoprim. Trimethoprim was demonstrated to be non-mutagenic in the Ames assay. No chromosomal damage was observed in human leukocytes cultured *in vitro* with trimethoprim; the concentration used exceeded blood levels following therapy with PRIMSOL. No adverse effects on fertility or general reproductive performance were observed in rats given trimethoprim in oral dosages as high as 70 mg/kg/day for males and 14 mg/kg/day for females.

Pregnancy:

Teratogenic Effects: Pregnancy Category C. Trimethoprim has been shown to be teratogenic in the rat when given in doses 40 times the human dose. In some rabbit studies, the overall increase in fetal loss (dead and resorbed and malformed conceptuses) was associated with doses 6 times the human therapeutic dose.

While there are no large well-controlled studies on the use of trimethoprim in pregnant women, Brumfitt and Pursell,⁴ in a retrospective study, reported the outcome of 186 pregnancies during which the mother received either placebo or trimethoprim in combination with sulfamethoxazole. The incidence of congenital abnormalities was 4.5% (3 of 66) in those who received placebo and 3.3% (4 of 120) in those receiving trimethoprim plus sulfamethoxazole. There were no abnormalities in the 10 children whose mothers received the drug during the first trimester. In a separate survey, Brumfitt and Pursell also found no congenital abnormalities in 35 children whose mothers had received trimethoprim plus sulfamethoxazole at the time of conception or shortly thereafter.

Because trimethoprim may interfere with folic acid metabolism, PRIMSOL should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

Nonteratogenic Effects: The oral administration of trimethoprim to rats at a dose of 70 mg/kg/day commencing with the last third of gestation and continuing through parturition and lactation caused no deleterious effects on gestation or pup growth and survival.

Nursing Mothers: Trimethoprim is excreted in human milk. Because trimethoprim may interfere with folic acid metabolism, caution should be exercised when PRIMSOL is administered to a nursing woman.

Pediatric Use: The safety of trimethoprim has not been established in pediatric patients below the age of 2 months. The effectiveness of trimethoprim in the treatment of acute otitis media has not been established in patients below the age of 6 months.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

To report **SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS**, contact **Aytu BioScience, Inc. at 1-855-AYTUBIO (1-855-298-8246)**, or **FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088** or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

Adverse Events Reported During Pediatric Clinical Trials With PRIMSOL:

The following table lists those drug-related adverse events reported most frequently during the clinical trials in pediatric patients aged 6 months to 12 years. Most of these events were determined to be mild. The incidence of drug related adverse events was significantly lower for PRIMSOL, which was most apparent for those events related to skin/appendages as a body system.

Drug-related Adverse Event	Percent of Pediatric Patients	
	PRIMSOL (N=310)	SMX + TMP* (N=197)
Body as a whole		
abdominal pain	<1	2.5
Digestive system		
diarrhea	4.2	4.6
vomiting	1.6	1.5
Skin/Appendages		
rash	1.3	6.1

*sulfamethoxazole + trimethoprim oral suspension

An increase in lymphocytes and eosinophils was noted in some pediatric patients following treatment with PRIMSOL or sulfamethoxazole + trimethoprim oral suspension.

Adverse Reactions Reported For Trimethoprim:

In addition to the adverse events listed above which have been observed in pediatric patients receiving PRIMSOL, the following adverse reactions and altered laboratory tests have been previously reported for trimethoprim and therefore, may occur with PRIMSOL therapy:

Dermatologic reactions: pruritus and exfoliative dermatitis. At the recommended adult dosage regimens of 100 mg *b.i.d.*, or 200 mg *q.d.*, each for 10 days, the incidence of rash is 2.9% to 6.7%. In clinical studies which employed high doses of trimethoprim in adults, an elevated incidence of rash was noted. These rashes were maculopapular, morbilliform, pruritic and generally mild to moderate, appearing 7 to 14 days after the initiation of therapy.

Gastrointestinal reactions: Epigastric distress, nausea, and glossitis.

Hematologic reactions: Thrombocytopenia, leukopenia, neutropenia, megaloblastic anemia and methemoglobinemia.

Metabolic reactions: Hyperkalemia, hyponatremia.

Miscellaneous reactions: Fever, elevation of serum transaminase and bilirubin, and increases in BUN and serum creatinine levels.

OVERDOSAGE

Acute: Signs of acute overdosage with trimethoprim may appear following ingestion of 1 gram or more of the drug and include nausea, vomiting, dizziness, headaches, mental depression, confusion and bone marrow depression (see OVERDOSAGE-Chronic).

Treatment consists of gastric lavage and general supportive measures. Acidification of the urine will increase renal elimination of trimethoprim. Peritoneal dialysis is not effective and hemodialysis only moderately effective in eliminating the drug.

Chronic: Use of trimethoprim at high doses and/or for extended periods of time may cause bone marrow depression manifested as thrombocytopenia, leukopenia and/or megaloblastic anemia. If signs of bone marrow depression occur, trimethoprim should be discontinued and the patient should be given leucovorin, 3 to 6 mg intramuscularly daily for three days, or as required to restore normal hematopoiesis.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Acute Otitis Media in Pediatric Patients: The recommended dose for pediatric patients with acute otitis media is 10 mg/kg trimethoprim per 24 hours, given in divided doses every 12 hours for 10 days. The following table is a guideline for the attainment of this dosage:

Pediatric patients 6 months of age or older:

Weight		Dose (every 12 hours)	
lb	kg	tsp	mL
11	5	1/2	2.5
22	10	1	5
33	15	1 1/2	7.5
44	20	2	10
55	25	2 1/2	12.5
66	30	3	15
77	35	3 1/2	17.5
≥88	≥40	4	20

Uncomplicated Urinary Tract Infections: The usual oral adult dosage is 100 mg (10 mL) every 12 hours or 200 mg (20 mL) every 24 hours, each for 10 days.

Patients with Impaired Renal Function: The use of trimethoprim in patients with a creatinine clearance of less than 15 mL/min is not recommended. Patients with a creatinine clearance of 15 to 30 mL/min should receive half the dose recommended for patients of the same age with normal renal function.

HOW SUPPLIED

PRIMSOL (trimethoprim hydrochloride oral solution) is a dye-free, alcohol-free, bubble gum flavored, oral solution containing trimethoprim hydrochloride equivalent to 50 mg of trimethoprim in each 5 mL.

NDC 69654-501-01: 20 mL (2/3 ounce)

NDC 69654-501-05: 473 mL (1 Pint)

Store between 15-25°C (59-77°F). Dispense in tight, light resistant glass or PET plastic containers as defined in USP. Protect from light.

Rx Only

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