

Augmentin 312 mg/5ml, 156 mg/5ml and 228 mg/5ml Suspension
co-amoxiclav (Amoxicillin trihydrate + Potassium clavulanate)

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start giving your child this medicine because it contains important information for them.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.
- This medicine is usually prescribed for a baby or child. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as your child's.
- If your child gets any side effects, talk to their doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

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1 What Augmentin is and what it is used for

Augmentin is an antibiotic and works by killing bacteria that cause infections. It contains two different medicines called amoxicillin and clavulanic acid. Amoxicillin belongs to a group of medicines called "penicillins" that can sometimes be stopped from working (made inactive). The other active component (clavulanic acid) stops this from happening. Augmentin is used in babies and children to treat the following infections:

- middle ear and sinus infections
- respiratory tract infections
- urinary tract infections
- skin and soft tissue infections including dental infections
- bone and joint infections.

2 What you need to know before you give Augmentin

Do not give your child Augmentin:

- if they are allergic to amoxicillin, clavulanic acid, penicillin or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).
 - if they have ever had a severe allergic reaction to any other antibiotic. This can include a skin rash or swelling of the face or throat.
 - if they have ever had liver problems or jaundice (yellowing of the skin) when taking an antibiotic.
- Do not give Augmentin to your child if any of the above apply to your child. If you are not sure, talk to their doctor or pharmacist before giving Augmentin.

Warnings and Precautions

Check with their doctor, pharmacist or nurse before giving your child Augmentin if they:

- have glandular fever
- are being treated for liver or kidney problems
- are not passing water regularly.

If you are not sure if any of the above apply to your child, talk to their doctor or pharmacist before giving Augmentin.

In some cases, your doctor may investigate the type of bacteria that is causing your child's infection. Depending on the results, your child may be given a different strength of Augmentin or a different medicine.

Conditions you need to look out for

Augmentin can make some existing conditions worse, or cause serious side effects. These include allergic reactions, convulsions (fits), chest pain and inflammation of the large intestine. You must look out for certain symptoms while your child is taking Augmentin, to reduce the risk of any problems. See 'Conditions you need to look out for' in section 4.

Blood and urine tests

If your child is having blood tests (such as red blood cell status tests or liver function tests) or urine tests (for glucose), let the doctor or nurse know that they are taking Augmentin. This is because Augmentin can affect the results of these types of tests.

Other medicines and Augmentin

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if your child is taking, has recently taken or might take any other medicines.

If your child is taking allopurinol (used for gout) with Augmentin, it may be more likely that they will have an allergic skin reaction. If your child is taking probenecid (used for gout), your doctor may decide to adjust the dose of Augmentin.

If medicines to help stop blood clots (such as warfarin) are taken with Augmentin then extra blood tests may be needed. Augmentin can affect how methotrexate (a medicine used to treat cancer or rheumatic diseases) works.

Augmentin may affect how mycophenolate mofetil (a medicine used to prevent the rejection of transplanted organs) works.

Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility

If the patient who is about to take this medicine is pregnant or breast-feeding, thinks they may be pregnant or are planning to

have a baby, ask their doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine.

Driving and using machines

Augmentin can have side effects and the symptoms may make you unfit to drive.

Do not drive or operate machinery unless you are feeling well.

Augmentin contains aspartame, benzyl alcohol and maltodextrin:

- Augmentin contains aspartame (E951) which is a source of phenylalanine. This may be harmful for children born with a condition called 'phenylketonuria'. Phenylketonuria (PKU), a rare genetic disorder in which phenylalanine builds up because the body cannot remove it properly.
- Augmentin contains traces of benzyl alcohol. Benzyl alcohol may cause allergic reactions.
- Benzyl alcohol has been linked with the risk of severe side effects including breathing problems (called "gasping syndrome") in young children. Do not give to your newborn baby (up to 4 weeks old), unless recommended by your doctor.
- Do not use for more than a week in young children (less than 3 years old), unless advised by your doctor or pharmacist.
- Augmentin contains maltodextrin (glucose). If you have been told by your doctor that your child has an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicinal product.

3 How to give Augmentin

Always give this medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Adults and children weighing 40 kg or over

- This suspension is not usually recommended for adults and children weighing 40 kg and over. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice.

Children weighing less than 40 kg

All doses are worked out depending on the child's bodyweight in kilograms.

- Your doctor will advise you how much Augmentin you should give to your baby or child.
- You may be provided with a measuring spoon or cup or syringe. You should use this to give the correct dose to your baby or child.

Recommended dose:

- Augmentin 156 mg/5ml – 20 mg/5 mg/kg/day (0.8 ml of suspension/kg/day) to 60 mg/15 mg/kg/day (2.4 ml of suspension/kg/day) given in three divided doses.
- Augmentin 312 mg/5ml – 20 mg/5 mg/kg/day (0.4 ml of suspension/kg/day)
- Augmentin 228 mg/5ml– 25 mg/3.6 mg/kg/day (0.6 ml of suspension/kg/day) to 45 mg/6.4 mg/kg/day (1.2 ml of suspension/kg/day) given in two divided doses.
- Higher dose – Augmentin 228 mg/5ml: up to 70 mg/10 mg/kg/day (1.8 ml of suspension/kg/day) given in two divided doses.

Patients with kidney and liver problems

- If your child has kidney problems the dose might be lowered. A different strength or a different medicine may be chosen by your doctor.
- If your child has liver problems they may have more frequent blood tests to see how their liver is working.

How to give Augmentin

- Always shake the bottle well before each dose
- Give with a meal
- Space the doses evenly during the day, at least 4 hours apart. Do not take 2 doses in 1 hour.
- Do not give your child Augmentin for more than 2 weeks. If your child still feels unwell they should go back to see the doctor.

If you give more Augmentin than you should

If you give your child too much Augmentin, signs might include an upset stomach (feeling sick, being sick or diarrhoea) or convulsions. Talk to their doctor as soon as possible. Take the medicine bottle to show the doctor.

If you forget to give Augmentin

If you forget to give your child a dose, give it as soon as you remember. You should not give your child the next dose too soon, but wait about 4 hours before giving the next dose. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

If your child stops taking Augmentin

Keep giving your child Augmentin until the treatment is finished, even if they feel better. Your child needs every dose to help fight the infection. If some bacteria survive they can cause the infection to come back.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.

4 Possible side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. The side effects below may happen with this medicine.

Conditions you need to look out for

Allergic reactions:

- skin rash
- inflammation of blood vessels (*vasculitis*) which may be visible as red or purple raised spots on the skin, but can affect other parts of the body
- fever, joint pain, swollen glands in the neck, armpit or groin
- swelling, sometimes of the face or throat (*angioedema*), causing difficulty in breathing

- collapse.
 - chest pain which can be a sign of a potentially serious allergic reaction called Kounis syndrome
- Contact a doctor immediately if your child gets any of these symptoms. Stop taking Augmentin.
- Inflammation of large intestine
- Inflammation of the large intestine, causing watery diarrhoea usually with blood and mucus, stomach pain and/or fever.
- Contact your doctor as soon as possible for advice if your child gets these symptoms.

Very common side effects

These may affect more than 1 in 10 people

- diarrhoea (in adults).

Common side effects

These may affect up to 1 in 10 people

- thrush (*candida* - a yeast infection of the vagina, mouth or skin folds)
 - feeling sick (nausea), especially when taking high doses
- if affected take Augmentin with a meal
- vomiting
 - diarrhoea (in children).

Uncommon side effects

These may affect up to 1 in 100 people

- skin rash, itching
- raised itchy rash (*hives*)
- indigestion
- dizziness
- headache.

Uncommon side effects that may show up in blood tests:

- increase in some substances (*enzymes*) produced by the liver.

Rare side effects

These may affect up to 1 in 1000 people

- skin rash, which may blister, and looks like small targets (central dark spots surrounded by a paler area, with a dark ring around the edge - *erythema multiforme*)
- if you notice any of these symptoms contact a doctor urgently.

Rare side effects that may show up in blood tests:

- low number of cells involved in blood clotting
- low number of white blood cells.

Frequency not known

Frequency cannot be estimated from the available data.

- Allergic reactions (see above)
- Inflammation of the large intestine (see above)
- Inflammation of the protective membrane surrounding the brain (*aseptic meningitis*)
- Serious skin reactions:
- a widespread rash with blisters and peeling skin, particularly around the mouth, nose, eyes and genitals (*Stevens-Johnson syndrome*), and a more severe form, causing extensive peeling of the skin (more than 30% of the body surface - *toxic epidermal necrolysis*)
- widespread red skin rash with small pus-containing blisters (*bullous exfoliative dermatitis*)
- a red, scaly rash with bumps under the skin and blisters (*exanthematous pustulosis*).
- flu-like symptoms with a rash, fever, swollen glands, and abnormal blood test results (including increased white blood cells (eosinophilia) and liver enzymes) (Drug Reaction with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms (DRESS)).

→ Contact a doctor immediately if your child gets any of these symptoms.

- inflammation of the liver (*hepatitis*)
- jaundice, caused by increases in the blood of bilirubin (a substance produced in the liver) which may make your child's skin and whites of the eyes appear yellow
- inflammation of tubes in the kidney
- blood takes longer to clot
- hyperactivity
- convulsions (in people taking high doses of Augmentin or who have kidney problems)
- black tongue which looks hairy
- stained teeth (in children), usually removed by brushing.

Side effects that may show up in blood or urine tests:

- severe reduction in the number of white blood cells
- low number of red blood cells (*haemolytic anaemia*)
- crystals in urine.

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

To report Product Complaint/s or Adverse Event/s associated with the use of GSK product/s, please contact us via: gulf.safety@gsk.com.

5 How to store Augmentin

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children. Store in a dry place at 30°C or below. Before reconstitution, keep tightly closed and store in a dry place at 30°C or below.

Once reconstituted, store in a refrigerator and use within 7 days. Do not freeze.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton. The expiry date refers to the last day of the month.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

6 Contents of the pack and other information

What Augmentin contains

Augmentin 156 mg/5ml: The active substances are amoxicillin and clavulanic acid. Each ml of suspension contains amoxicillin trihydrate equivalent to 25 mg amoxicillin and potassium clavulanate equivalent to 6.25 mg of clavulanic acid.

Augmentin 312 mg/5ml: The active substances are amoxicillin and clavulanic acid. Each ml of suspension contains amoxicillin trihydrate equivalent to 50 mg amoxicillin and potassium clavulanate equivalent to 12.5 mg of clavulanic acid.

Augmentin 228 mg/5ml: The active substances are amoxicillin and clavulanic acid. Each ml of suspension contains amoxicillin trihydrate equivalent to 40 mg amoxicillin and potassium clavulanate equivalent to 5.7 mg of clavulanic acid.

- The other ingredients are aspartame (E951), xanthan gum, silicon dioxide, colloidal anhydrous silica, succinic acid, hypromellose, orange dry flavour 1* (including benzyl alcohol), orange dry flavour 2*, raspberry dry flavour* and*, golden syrup dry flavour* (*also includes maltodextrin) and water.
- See section 2 for further important information about aspartame, benzyl alcohol and maltodextrin in Augmentin.

What Augmentin looks like and contents of the pack

Augmentin Suspension is a white to off-white powder supplied in a clear glass bottle. Once made up, the bottle contains 100 ml of an off-white liquid mixture called a suspension.

Manufacturer

Manufacturer: Glaxo Wellcome Production, 53100 MAYENNE, France

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Advice/medical education

Antibiotics are used to treat infections caused by bacteria. They have no effect against infections caused by viruses.

Sometimes an infection caused by bacteria does not respond to a course of an antibiotic. One of the commonest reasons for this to occur is because the bacteria causing the infection are resistant to the antibiotic that is being taken. This means that they can survive and even multiply despite the antibiotic. Bacteria can become resistant to antibiotics for many reasons. Using antibiotics carefully can help to reduce the chance of bacteria becoming resistant to them.

When your doctor prescribes a course of an antibiotic it is intended to treat only your current illness. Paying attention to the following advice will help prevent the emergence of resistant bacteria that could stop the antibiotic working.

1. It is very important that you take the antibiotic at the right dose, at the right times and for the right number of days. Read the instructions on the label and if you do not understand anything ask your doctor or pharmacist to explain.
2. You should not take an antibiotic unless it has been prescribed specifically for you and you should use it only to treat the infection for which it was prescribed.
3. You should not take antibiotics that have been prescribed for other people even if they had an infection that was similar to yours.
4. You should not give antibiotics that were prescribed for you to other people.
5. If you have any antibiotic left over when you have taken the course as directed by your doctor you should take the remainder to a pharmacy for appropriate disposal.

Instructions for reconstitution

Check cap seal is intact before using. Shake bottle to loosen powder. Add volume of water (as indicated below) invert and shake well.

Alternatively, shake the bottle to loosen powder then fill the bottle with water to just below the line on the bottle or label. Invert and shake well, then top up with water exactly to the line. Invert and again shake well.

Strength	Volume of water to be added at reconstitution (ml)	Final volume of reconstituted oral suspension (ml)
AUGMENTIN 156 mg/5ml	92	100
AUGMENTIN 312 mg/5ml	90	100
AUGMENTIN 228 mg/5ml	64	70

Shake the bottle well before each dose.

THIS IS A MEDICAMENT

Medicament is a product which affects your health and its consumption contrary to instructions is dangerous for you.

Follow strictly the doctor's prescription, the method of use and the instructions of the pharmacist who sold the medicament.

- The doctor and the pharmacist are the experts in medicines, their benefits and risks.
- Do not by yourself interrupt the period of treatment prescribed.
- Do not repeat the same prescription without consulting your doctor.

- Keep all medicaments out of the reach of children.
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