

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET (PIL)

CLAMOXIN 625 mg Tablets

(Co-amoxiclav Tablets BP 625 mg)

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.

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

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1 What Clamoxin is and what it is used for

Clamoxin 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.

Clamoxin is used in adults 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 take Clamoxin

Do not take Clamoxin:

- if you are allergic to amoxicillin, clavulanic acid, penicillin or any of the other ingredients
- of this medicine (listed in section 6)
- if you have ever had a severe allergic (hypersensitive) reaction to any other antibiotic.
- This can include a skin rash or swelling of the face or neck
- if you have ever had liver problems or jaundice (yellowing of the skin) when taking an antibiotic.

Do not take Clamoxin if any of the above apply to you. If you are not sure, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Clamoxin.

Warnings and Precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Clamoxin if you:

- 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 you, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Clamoxin.

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

Conditions you need to look out for Clamoxin can make some existing conditions worse, or cause serious side effects. These include allergic reactions, convulsions (fits) and inflammation of the large intestine. You must look out for certain symptoms while you are taking Clamoxin, to reduce the risk of any problems.

Blood and urine tests

If you are 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 you are taking Clamoxin. This is because Clamoxin can affect the results of these type of tests.

Other medicines and Clamoxin

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are using, have recently used or might use any other medicines.

- If you are taking allopurinol (used for gout) with Clamoxin, it may be more likely that you will have an allergic skin reaction.

- If you are taking probenecid (used for gout), your doctor may decide to adjust your dose of Clamoxin.
- If medicines to help stop blood clots (such as warfarin) are taken with Clamoxin then extra blood tests may be needed.
- Clamoxin can affect how methotrexate (a medicine used to treat cancer or rheumatic diseases) works.
- Clamoxin may affect how mycophenolate mofetil (a medicine used to prevent the rejection of transplanted organs) works.

Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine.

Driving and using machines

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

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

3 How to take Clamoxin

Always take Clamoxin 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 and over

The usual dose is:

1 tablet three times a day

Children weighing less than 40 kg

Children aged 6 years or less should preferably be treated with Clamoxin oral suspension or sachets.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice when giving Clamoxin tablets to children weighing less than 40 kg. The tablets are not suitable for children weighing less than 25 kg.

Patients with kidney and liver problems

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

How to take Clamoxin

- Swallow the tablets whole with a glass of water at the start of a meal or slightly before.

- Space the doses evenly during the day, at least 4 hours apart. Do not take 2 doses in 1 hour.
- Do not take Clamoxin for more than 2 weeks. If you still feel unwell you should go back to see the doctor.

If you take more Clamoxin than you should

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

If you forget to take Clamoxin

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

If you stop taking Clamoxin

Keep taking Clamoxin until the treatment is finished, even if you feel better. You need 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 or pharmacist.

4 Possible side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

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 mouth (*angioedema*), causing difficulty in breathing collapse.
- **Contact a doctor immediately** if you get any of these symptoms. **Stop taking Clamoxin.**

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 you get 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 Clamoxin before food

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 and headache.

Uncommon side effects that may show up in your 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 your 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 (*exanthemous pustulosis*).

❖ **Contact a doctor immediately if you get 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 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 Clamoxin or who have kidney problems) black tongue which looks hairy

Side effects that may show up in your 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.

5 How to store Clamoxin

- ✓ Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.
- ✓ Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.
- ✓ Store in cool, dry place, below 25°C, Protect from light.
- ✓ Tablets supplied in pouches should be used within 30 days of opening the pouch.
- ✓ Store in the original pack in order to protect from moisture.
- ✓ Do not use if the tablets are chipped or damaged.
- ✓ 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 Clamoxin contains

The active substances are amoxicillin and clavulanic acid. Each tablet contains amoxicillin trihydrate equivalent to 500 mg amoxicillin and potassium clavulanate equivalent to 125 mg of clavulanic acid.

The other ingredients are: Microcrystalline Cellulose, Magnesium Stearate, Colloidal anhydrous silica, Sodium Starch Glycolate, Hydroxypropyl Methyl Cellulose E-5 (HPMC E5), Hydroxypropyl Methyl Cellulose E15 (HPMC E15), Titanium Dioxide, Polyethylene Glycol 6000, Simeicone and Purified water.

What Clamoxin looks like and contents of the pack

Clamoxin 625 mg film-coated tablets are a white or off white oval shape film coated tablets plain on both sides packed.

They are packaged in:

Each carton contains tropical blister pack containing 2 blisters of 7 tablets along with leaflet.

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