

## CO-TRIMOXAZOLE INJECTION

There is only one supplier of co-trimoxazole injection in Canada.<sup>1</sup>

DIN	Manufacturer	Brand name	Ingredient	Strength
<a href="#">00550086</a>	Aspri Pharma Canada Inc	Septra injection	sulfamethoxazole trimethoprim	80 mg / ml 16 mg / ml

### Indications for injectable co-trimoxazole<sup>2</sup>:

- *Pneumocystis jirovecii* pneumonia
- Septicemia and meningitis, genito-urinary tract, pulmonary, gastrointestinal and skin and soft tissue infections due to susceptible organisms

### Shortage Management:

**Oral formulations:** Co-trimoxazole is well absorbed orally. Consider oral dosing if possible or an early transition from IV administration to oral therapy. Reserve Septra injection for conditions in which it is the treatment of choice.<sup>3</sup>

**Extemporaneous compounding using bulk chemicals:** The product should be prepared in a suitable clean air environment using appropriate aseptic procedures. When prepared from nonsterile components, an effective sterilization method must be employed.<sup>4</sup>

### Therapeutic alternatives for selected organisms<sup>5-11</sup>:

Organism	Alternative parenteral agent	Comments
<i>Listeria monocytis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ampicillin or penicillin G +/- gentamicin</li> <li>• Carbapenem (e.g. meropenem)</li> </ul>	Gentamicin added for synergy in central nervous system infections, endocarditis, and infections in neonates and immunocompromised patients
<i>Pneumocystis jirovecii</i> pneumonia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pentamidine isoethionate IV or IM</li> </ul>	Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim is considered the drug of first choice for this indication
Shigellosis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> generation cephalosporin (e.g., ceftriaxone)</li> <li>• Fluoroquinolone</li> <li>• Azithromycin</li> </ul>	Most strains now resistant to TMP/SMX. Resistance to quinolones and azithromycin also rising. Susceptibility testing essential.
<i>E. Coli</i> , other enterobacteriaceae	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4th generation cephalosporin</li> <li>• Aztreonam</li> <li>• Fluoroquinolone IV</li> <li>• Piperacillin/tazobactam</li> <li>• Carbapenem (e.g. meropenem)</li> <li>• Ampicillin</li> </ul>	
MRSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vancomycin</li> <li>• Linezolid</li> <li>• Clindamycin (if susceptible)</li> <li>• Daptamycin</li> <li>• Tigecycline</li> </ul>	Vancomycin is treatment of choice for severe infections

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- Levofloxacin IV
- Ticarcillin/clavulanate +/- aztreonam

TMP/SMX is first choice for this indication.  
Consider other antimicrobials based on the results of susceptibility testing.

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