

Amoxicillin/Clavulanate

Augmentin Duo (tablets and mixture)/Duo Forte (tablets)
Clamoxyl Duo (tablets and mixture)/Duo Forte (tablets)
Clamohexal Duo (tablets and mixture)/Duo Forte (tablets)
Clavulin Duo (tablets and mixture)/Duo Forte (tablets)
Curam Duo (tablets and mixture)/Duo Forte (tablets)
Other brands may be available

What does it do?

A penicillin antibiotic used to prevent and treat staphylococcal infections in the lungs

How is it taken?

Amoxicillin/clavulanate is usually taken **TWICE** per day immediately before or with the first mouthful of food. This helps to prevent stomach upsets.

Your doctor will decide how long you or child should continue amoxicillin/clavulanate

If you forget to give a dose, give the missed dose as soon as you remember, then give the next dose at the time it is normally due. Do not give 2 doses within 6 hours of each other. Do not try to make up for missed doses by giving more than one dose at a time. The mixture should be shaken well before being taken.

Where do I get it?

May be dispensed by your **local pharmacy** on presentation of a valid PBS prescription written by your local doctor or a doctor at RCH.

May be dispensed at **RCH pharmacy** department on presentation of a valid RCH PBS prescription written by a doctor at RCH.

Please note: A special authority number is required for large quantities and for treatment longer than 5-10 days.

How do I store it?

All medicines should be stored out of the reach of children.

Tablets should be stored at room temperature away from humidity.

Mixture should be kept in the fridge. The mixture expires 7 days after it is made up.

What side effects may I experience?

All medicines can cause some side effects. If they occur they are most likely to be minor and temporary. However, some may be serious. Check with your doctor as soon as possible if you think you or your child is experiencing any side effects or allergic reactions from this medicine that are troublesome or ongoing, even if the problem is not listed below. Some side effects can occur if you take this medicine with certain other medicine, including over-the-counter or herbal medicines. Always tell your pharmacist about any medicines you or your child are taking.

Some of the side effects that may occur include:

Stomach upset, including diarrhoea or loose bowel motions, indigestion, and feeling or being sick, pain in the stomach, abnormal taste, headache or dizziness and overgrowth of yeast infections.

Tell your doctor if you notice any of the following:

Itching or rash, yellowing of the skin or eyes, dark urine or pale stools, unusual bleeding or bruising, severe bloody diarrhoea, severe stomach cramps.

Stop using this medicine and contact a doctor or emergency department if signs of an allergic reaction occur. These may include:

An unexplained increase in wheezing, difficulty breathing or swallowing, fainting, swelling of the lips or mouth, severe itchy rash (hives).

The information contained in this leaflet is intended to support not replace discussion with your doctor or health care professionals.

ASK YOUR PHARMACIST ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT THIS MEDICINE

For further information, contact The Royal Children's Hospital Drug Information Centre on 03 9345 5208.

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