

Unictam

Sultamicillin
Tablets and Powder for Suspension

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Composition:

Each tablet contains Sultamicillin tosylate equivalent to 375 mg Sultamicillin.
Each 5 ml reconstituted suspension contains Sultamicillin 250 mg.

Properties and Clinical Pharmacology:

Sultamicillin is a double ester in which ampicillin and the Beta-lactamase inhibitor sulbactam are linked via a methylene group. The tosylate salt is a prodrug of sulbactam and ampicillin in a 1:1 molar ratio in the systemic circulation. The bioavailability of an oral dose is 80% of an equal intravenous dose of sulbactam and ampicillin. Administration following food does not affect the systemic bioavailability of Unictam. Following oral administration of Unictam, peak serum levels of ampicillin are approximately twice those of an equal dose of oral ampicillin. Elimination half-lives are approximately 45 min. And 1 hour for sulbactam and ampicillin, respectively, with 50-75% of each agent being excreted in the urine. Sulbactam is an irreversible inhibitor of most important beta-lactamases that occur in penicillin-resistant organisms.

Microbiology:

Unictam is effective against a wide range of gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria including: *Staphylococcus aureus* and *epidermidis* (including penicillin and some methicillin resistant strains); *Streptococcus*; *Haemophilus influenzae* and *parainfluenzae* (both beta-lactamase positive and negative strains); *Branhamella catarrhalis*; anaerobes including Bacteroides and related species; *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella*, *Proteus* (both indole-positive and indole-negative), and *Enterobacter*, *Morganella morganii*, *Citrobacter*, *Neisseria meningitidis*, and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*.

Indications:

Unictam is indicated for infections caused by susceptible microorganisms. Typical indications are:

Upper respiratory tract infections including sinusitis, otitis media and tonsillitis.

Lower respiratory tract infections including bacterial pneumonia and bronchitis.

Urinary tract infections and pyelonephritis.

Skin and soft tissue infections.

Gonococcal infections.

Intra-abdominal infections.

Unictam oral forms may be also indicated in patients requiring Ampicillin/Sulbactam therapy following treatment with parenteral forms.

Contraindications:

Sultamicillin is contraindicated in individuals with history of allergic reactions to any of the penicillins.

Precautions:

Pregnancy: Safety studies revealed no evidence of impaired fertility or harm to the fetus in animals. Although the safe use of injectable forms in pregnancy was confirmed in human studies, it is not yet well documented for oral forms.

Infants: Because of the incompletely developed renal function in neonates, caution should be considered when using Unictam in neonates.

Drug Interactions:

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Adverse Reactions:

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Gastrointestinal: Diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain.

Skin: Rash and itching.

Miscellaneous: Drowsiness, fatigue and headache have been rarely observed.

Dosage and Administration:

Adults: 375-750 mg twice daily.

Children:

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