

CAPASTAT SULFATE

Capreomycin sulfate

Consumer Medicine Information

What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about CAPASTAT SULFATE. It does not contain all the available information. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor has weighed the risks of you being given CAPASTAT SULFATE against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

If you have any concerns about being given this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.

What CAPASTAT SULFATE is used for

This medicine is used in combination with other medicines to treat tuberculosis.

This medicine belongs to a group of medicines called antibiotics. It works by killing the bacteria that cause the infection.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why this medicine has been prescribed for you. Your doctor may have prescribed it for another reason.

This medicine is available only with a doctor's prescription.

This medicine is not expected to affect your ability to drive a car or operate machinery.

There is not enough information to recommend the use of this medicine for children.

Before you have CAPASTAT SULFATE

When you must not have it

Do not have CAPASTAT SULFATE if you have an allergy to any medicine containing capreomycin sulfate.

Some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction may include shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing; swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body; rash, itching or hives on the skin.

Do not have this medicine after the expiry date printed on the pack or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering. If it is expired or is damaged return it to your pharmacist for disposal.

If you are not sure whether you should start having this medicine, talk to your doctor.

Before you are given it

Tell your doctor if you have allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes.

Tell your doctor if you have or have had any of the following medical conditions:

- kidney disease
- hearing difficulties
- liver disease
- low blood potassium.

or if you are going to have surgery.

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breast-feeding. Your doctor can discuss with you the risks and benefits involved.

If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell him/her before you are given CAPASTAT SULFATE.

Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you get without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop. Some medicines and CAPASTAT SULFATE may interfere with each other. These include:

- other antibiotics e.g. colistin sulfate, polymixin A sulfate, streptomycin and neomycin
- general anaesthetics (medicines that induce loss of feeling and consciousness to prevent pain and discomfort during surgery) e.g. ether
- neostigmine, a medicine that can be used to treat stomach cramps or Parkinson's disease.

These medicines may be affected by CAPASTAT SULFATE or may affect how well it works. You may need different amounts of your medicines, or you may need to take different medicines.

Your doctor and pharmacist have more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while having this medicine.

How CAPASTAT SULFATE is given

CAPASTAT SULFATE is a powder which is dissolved in a suitable solution before being injected into your muscle.

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The doctor or nurse will prepare the injection for you. **Never inject CAPASTAT SULFATE yourself.** Always let your doctor or nurse do this.

How much you will be given

Your doctor will decide the dosage of CAPASTAT SULFATE to be given to you. This depends on the type of infection and other factors, such as your weight.

The usual dose is one injection daily.

How long it will be given

Usually you will be given one injection daily for 60 to 120 days followed by a period when you will be given one injection 2 or 3 times a week.

Continue having your medicine for as long as your doctor tells you.

If you are given too much (overdose)

As you will have CAPASTAT SULFATE under the supervision of your doctor, it is unlikely that you will have too much.

However, immediately telephone your doctor or the Poisons Information Centre (telephone 13 11 26) for advice, or go to Accident and Emergency at the nearest hospital, if you think that you or anyone else may have been given too much CAPASTAT SULFATE. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.

Symptoms of an overdose may include:

- hearing loss, buzzing, hissing, whistling, ringing or other persistent noise in your ears, dizziness
- frequent infections such as fever, severe chills, sore throat or mouth ulcers
- pain in kidneys or lower back
- bleeding or bruising more easily than normal
- passing little or no urine, dark coloured urine
- itching, yellowing of the skin and eyes.

While you are having CAPASTAT SULFATE

Things you must do

If you are about to be started on any new medicine, remind your doctor and pharmacist that you are having CAPASTAT SULFATE.

Tell any other doctors, dentists and pharmacists who treat you that you are having this medicine.

If you are going to have surgery, tell the surgeon or anaesthetist that you are having this medicine. It may affect other medicines used during surgery.

If you become pregnant while having this medicine, tell your doctor immediately.

If you are about to have any blood tests, tell your doctor that you are having this medicine. It may interfere with the results of some tests.

Keep all of your appointments with your doctor so that your progress can be checked. Your doctor may do some tests on your hearing, urine and blood from time to time to make sure the medicine is working and to prevent any unwanted side effects.

Side effects

Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are having CAPASTAT SULFATE. This medicine helps most people with tuberculosis, but it may have unwanted side effects in a few people.

All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical attention if you get some of the side effects.

Do not be alarmed by the following lists of side effects. You may not experience any of them.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist to answer any questions you may have.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any of the following and they worry you:

- pain, a hard lump at the injection site
- rash, itching or hives on the skin.

The above list includes the milder side effects of your medicine. These are usually short-lived.

Tell your doctor as soon as possible if you notice any of the following:

- an abscess or excessive bleeding at the injection site
- hearing loss, buzzing, hissing, whistling, ringing or other persistent noise in your ears, dizziness
- frequent infections such as fever, severe chills, sore throat or mouth ulcers
- pain in kidneys or lower back
- bleeding or bruising more easily than normal
- passing little or no urine, dark coloured urine
- itching, yellowing of the skin and eyes.

The above list includes serious side effects, which may require medical attention. Serious side effects are rare.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything that is making you feel unwell. Other side effects not listed above may also occur in some people.

Some of these side effects (for example, changes in liver function, kidney function or blood cell levels) can only be found when your doctor does tests from time to time to check your progress.

After having CAPASTAT SULFATE

Storage

This medicine will be stored in the hospital pharmacy or on the ward. It is kept in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C.

Product description

What it looks like

CAPASTAT SULFATE is a white to off-white plug of powder. When dissolved, the solution is a clear to pale straw colour.

Ingredients

CAPASTAT SULFATE contains 1g of capreomycin sulfate as the active ingredient.

This medicine does not contain lactose, sucrose, gluten, tartrazine or any other azo dyes.

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