

## **Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875mg/125mg Film-coated Tablets**

Amoxicillin/clavulanic acid

### **What Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875 mg/125 mg is and what it is used for**

Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875 mg/125 mg 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.

Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875 mg/125 mg 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.

### **What you need to know before you take Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875mg/125mg**

Do not take Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875mg/125mg:

- if you are allergic to amoxicillin, clavulanic acid, penicillin
- 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 Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875 mg/125 mg if any of the above apply to you.

### **Warnings and precautions**

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking this medicine 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 Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875mg/125mg.

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 Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875 mg/125 mg or a different medicine.

Conditions you need to look out for Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875 mg/125 mg 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 Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875mg/125mg, 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 Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875mg/125mg. This is because Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875 mg/125 mg can affect the results of these types of tests.

### **Other medicines and Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875mg/125mg**

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines. If you are taking allopurinol (used for gout) with Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875mg/125mg, it may be more likely that you'll have an allergic skin reaction.

- If you are taking probenecid (used for gout), your doctor may decide to adjust your dose of Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875mg/125mg.
- If medicines to help stop blood clots (such as warfarin) are taken with Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875 mg/125 mg then extra blood tests may be needed.
- Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875 mg/125 mg can affect how methotrexate (a medicine used to treat cancer or rheumatic diseases) works.
- Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875 mg/125 mg may affect how mycophenolate mofetil (a medicine used to prevent the rejection of transplanted organs) works.

### **Pregnancy and breast-feeding**

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**

Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875 mg/125 mg can have side effects and the symptoms may make you unfit to drive. Don't drive or operate machinery unless you are feeling well.

### **How to take Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875mg/125mg**

Always take this medicine exactly as your doctor has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

### **Adults and children weighing 40 kg and over**

- Usual dose - 1 tablet two times a day
- Higher dose - 1 tablet three times a day

### **Children weighing less than 40 kg**

Children aged 6 years or less should preferably be treated with amoxicillin/clavulanic acid oral suspension or sachets.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice when giving this medicine to children weighing less than 40 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 check how your liver is working.

### **How to take Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875mg/125mg**

- Swallow the tablets 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 Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875 mg/125 mg for more than 2 weeks. If you still feel unwell you should go back to see the doctor.

The score line is only there to help you break the tablet if you have difficulty swallowing it whole.

### **If you take more Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875 mg/125 mg than you should**

If you take too much Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875mg/125mg, 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 to show the doctor.

### **If you forget to take Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875mg/125mg**

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.

### **If you stop taking Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875mg/125mg**

Keep taking Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875 mg/125 mg 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.

### **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 Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875mg/125mg.

**Inflammation of large intestine:** causing watery diarrhoea usually with blood and mucus, stomach pain and/or fever.

**Very common side effects (may affect more than 1 in 10 people):** • diarrhoea (in adults).

**Common side effects (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 Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875 mg/125 mg before food: • vomiting • diarrhoea (in children).

**Uncommon side effects (may affect up to 1 in 100 people):** • skin rash, itching, • raised itchy rash (hives), • indigestion, • dizziness, • headache.

**Uncommon side effects that may show up in your blood tests:** • increase in some substances (enzymes) produced by the liver.

**Rare side effects (may affect up to 1 in 1,000 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.

### **How to store Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875mg/125mg**

Do not store above 30°C. Store in the original package in order to protect from moisture.