

Maxamox[®] Suspension

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about using this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

1. Why am I using Maxamox Suspension?

Maxamox Suspension contains the active ingredient amoxicillin (as amoxicillin trihydrate). Maxamox Suspension is used to treat a range of infections caused by bacteria.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using Maxamox Suspension?](#) in the full CMI.

2. What should I know before using Maxamox Suspension?

Do not use if you or your child has ever had an allergic reaction to Maxamox Suspension or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

Talk to your child's doctor if they have any other medical conditions or take any other medicines.

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before using Maxamox Suspension?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I or my child is taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with Maxamox Suspension and affect how it works.

A list of these medicines is in Section [3. What if I or my child is taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

4. How do I use Maxamox Suspension?

- The usual dose of Maxamox Suspension is one dose taken three times a day.
- Maxamox Suspension doses should be spaced evenly throughout the day e.g. every eight hours if taking it three times a day.
- Keep giving Maxamox Suspension until the course is finished or for as long as your doctor tells you.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How do I use Maxamox Suspension?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know while using Maxamox Suspension?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist that you or your child visits that you or they are using Maxamox Suspension.• Tell you or your child's doctor if, for any reason, you have not given their medicine exactly as directed.• Tell you or your child's doctor immediately if they develop severe itching or swelling, a skin rash, or severe diarrhoea.
Things you should not do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if their symptoms seem similar to you or your child's.• Do not use Maxamox Suspension to treat any other complaints unless your doctor says to.
Looking after your medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Store the dry powder and the reconstituted suspension in a cool dry place, away from moisture or heat, where the temperature stays below 25°C.• After mixing - Store in a refrigerator (2°C-8°C).• Discard reconstituted suspension after 14 days.

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while using Maxamox Suspension?](#) in the full CMI.

6. Are there any side effects?

Mild side effects of taking Maxamox Suspension include diarrhoea, soreness of the mouth or tongue, or overgrowth of yeast infections (thrush).

Serious side effects include itching; rash; unusual bleeding or bruising; yellowing of the skin or eyes; dark urine or pale stools; difficulty or pain on passing urine; severe diarrhoea; excessive abnormal muscle movements; dizziness or convulsions; or a red rash commonly seen on both sides of buttocks, upper inner thighs, armpits, or neck. Other serious side effects include an allergic reaction. Signs of this include wheezing, swelling of the lips/mouth, difficulty in breathing, hayfever, lumpy rash (hives), or fainting.

For more information, including what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

Maxamox[®] Suspension

Active ingredient(s): amoxicillin (as amoxicillin trihydrate)

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using Maxamox Suspension. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about giving Maxamox Suspension.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I using Maxamox Suspension?](#)
- [2. What should I know before using Maxamox Suspension?](#)
- [3. What if I or my child is taking other medicines?](#)
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1. Why am I using Maxamox Suspension?

Maxamox Suspension contains the active ingredient amoxicillin (as amoxicillin trihydrate). Maxamox Suspension belongs to a group of antibiotic medicines called penicillins.

Maxamox Suspension is used to treat a range of infections caused by bacteria. These may be infections of the chest (pneumonia), tonsils (tonsillitis), sinuses (sinusitis), urinary and genital tract, skin and fleshy tissues.

Maxamox Suspension works by killing the bacteria that cause these infections.

Maxamox Suspension can also be used to prevent infection.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why Maxamox Suspension has been prescribed for you or your child.

Your or your child's doctor may have prescribed this medicine for another reason.

2. What should I know before using Maxamox Suspension?

Warnings

Do not use Maxamox Suspension if:

- you or your child is allergic to penicillin or similar types of antibiotics such as cephalosporins. If you or your child has ever had an allergic reaction (such as rash) when taking an antibiotic, you should tell your doctor before any Maxamox Suspension is given.

- you or your child is allergic to amoxicillin or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet. Symptoms of an allergic reaction may include shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty in breathing; swelling of the face, lips, tongue, or any other parts of the body; rash, itching or hives on the skin.
- the expiry date (EXP) printed on the pack has passed.
- the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

Check with your child's doctor if:

- you or your child has any other medical conditions, especially the following:
 - glandular fever (mononucleosis)
 - blood disorders
 - kidney or liver problems(the dose may need to be changed or you or your child may need to be given an alternate medicine)
- you or your child is taking any medicines for any other condition.
- you or your child has ever had an allergic reaction (such as a rash) to any antibiotics in the past.
- you or your child has had any allergy to any other medicines, or any other substances, such as foods, preservatives, or dyes.

During treatment, you or your child may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#)

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.

Maxamox Suspension may be used during pregnancy.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.

Maxamox Suspension can pass to your baby from breast milk.

3. What if my child is taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you or your child is taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines may interfere with Maxamox Suspension and affect how it works. These include:

- medicines used to treat gout e.g. probenecid or allopurinol.
- other antibiotics
- anticoagulants (used to prevent blood clots) such as warfarin

- methotrexate, a medicine used to treat arthritis and some types of cancers

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you or your child is taking and if these affect Maxamox Suspension.

Maxamox Suspension may influence the results of some laboratory tests.

4. How do I use Maxamox Suspension?

How much to take/give

Take/Give Maxamox Suspension as directed by you or your child's doctor or pharmacist.

The dosage varies widely and depends on the patient, the child's weight, the condition being treated and the response to the treatment.

The usual dose is one dose taken three times a day. The doses should be spaced evenly throughout the day e.g. every eight hours if taking it three times a day.

How to take/give Maxamox Suspension

The suspension will be prepared by your pharmacist who checks the seal prior to reconstitution. Shake the bottle well and accurately measure the dose with a measuring spoon. Your pharmacist will explain how many millilitres of suspension will be needed to receive the correct dose.

Do not use the reconstituted suspension if the colour is not off-white.

Shaking the bottle and using a measuring spoon will make sure that you get the correct dose. Ensure the whole dose is swallowed each time.

For oral use only.

Maxamox Suspension can be given with or without food.

How long to take/give Maxamox Suspension for

Keep taking/giving Maxamox Suspension to your child until the course is finished or for as long as the doctor tells you.

Do not stop taking/giving Maxamox Suspension just because you or your child feels better as the infection can return.

Do not stop taking/giving Maxamox Suspension to your child or change the dose without first checking with your or your child's doctor.

If you forget to take/give Maxamox Suspension

If you forget to take/give a dose of Maxamox Suspension, take/give it as soon as you remember. Then go back to taking/giving it as directed by the doctor.

If it is almost time for you or your child's next dose, skip the dose you missed and give their next dose when you are meant to.

Do not give a double dose to make up for the dose that was missed.

Do not give two doses within an hour or so of each other.

Giving more than the prescribed dose can increase the chance of unwanted side effects.

If you take/give too much Maxamox Suspension

If you think that you have taken/given too much Maxamox Suspension, you or your child may need urgent medical attention.

You should immediately:

- phone the Poisons Information Centre (by calling 13 11 26), or
- contact your doctor, or
- go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital.

You should do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

5. What should I know while using Maxamox Suspension?

Things you should do

Tell your or your child's doctor if, for any reason, you have not given the medicine exactly as directed.

Otherwise, your or your child's doctor may think that it was not working as it should and change your or your child's treatment unnecessarily.

Tell the doctor or pharmacist you or your child is taking Maxamox Suspension before giving any other prescribed medicine.

Some medicines may affect the way other medicines work.

Call your doctor straight away if:

- you or your child develops itching, swelling or a skin rash while taking Maxamox Suspension. Do not take/give any more Maxamox Suspension.
- you or your child develops severe diarrhoea while taking Maxamox Suspension. Do not take/give any medication to stop the diarrhoea (e.g. Lomotil or Imodium).

Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you or your child visits that you or they are using Maxamox Suspension.

Things you should not do

Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if their symptoms seem similar to yours or your child's.

Do not use Maxamox Suspension to treat any other complaints unless your doctor says to.

Looking after your medicine

Store the dry powder and the reconstituted suspension in a cool dry place away from moisture or heat, where the temperature stays below 25°C.

After mixing - Store in a refrigerator (2°C-8°C). Discard unused suspension after 14 days.

For example, do not store it:

- in the bathroom or near a sink, or

- in the car on a hot day.

Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

Follow the instructions on the pack on how to take care of your or your child's medicine properly.

Keep it where young children cannot reach it.

When to discard this medicine

Discard reconstituted suspension after 14 days.

Ask your pharmacist what to do with any doses that are left over.

Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If you no longer need to use this medicine or it is out of date, take it to any pharmacy for safe disposal.

Do not give this medicine after the expiry date.

6. Are there any side effects?

All medicines can have side effects. If you or your child experiences any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

See the information below and, if you need to, ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any further questions about side effects.

Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • diarrhoea (several loose bowel movements per day), indigestion, feeling sick or being sick. • soreness of the mouth or tongue, abnormal taste, white or furry tongue (thrush) • soreness or itching of the vagina and/or discharge (vaginal thrush) 	<p>Speak to your or your child's doctor if you or they have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.</p>

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • itching, rash • unusual bleeding or bruising • yellowing of the skin or eyes • dark urine or pale stools • difficulty or pain on passing urine • severe diarrhoea • excessive abnormal muscle movements • dizziness or convulsions • tooth discolouration 	<p>Tell your or your child's doctor immediately if you or they experience any of these serious side effects</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a red rash commonly seen on both sides of buttocks, upper inner thighs, armpits, neck. 	
<p>Signs of allergic reaction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wheezing, swelling of the lips/mouth, difficulty in breathing, hayfever, lumpy rash (hives) or fainting. 	<p>STOP taking/giving Maxamox Suspension and contact your or your child's doctor immediately or go to the emergency department of your nearest hospital if you or they experience any of these serious side effects.</p>

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that may be making you or your child feel unwell.

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects you or your child experiences, you can report side effects to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

Always make sure you speak to your doctor or pharmacist before you decide to stop taking/giving this medicine to your child.

7. Product details

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

What Maxamox Suspension contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	amoxicillin (as amoxicillin trihydrate)
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	anhydrous citric acid sodium benzoate aspartame purified talc guar gum sodium citrate anhydrous silicon dioxide lemon flavouring orange flavouring peach-apricot flavouring.

Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.

What Maxamox Suspension looks like

Maxamox 500 mg/5 mL Suspension - After mixing, the suspension is white to slightly yellowish. Available in 100 mL bottle (Aust R 93722).

Who distributes Maxamox Suspension

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