

SULFA ANTIBIOTIC INFORMATION

Sulfa pills are a group of antibiotics, which are taken internally. They are very effective treatment for acne and other forms of skin conditions.

The most common sulfa pill taken for skin problems is a pill known as Bactrim or Septra. This pill is usually taken once or twice a day depending on your condition. It is important to take your pill or pills at the same time each day so that you get into the habit of taking them regularly. This is very important for skin problems. It does not matter whether you have a full or empty stomach since these pills are absorbed well under all circumstances.

Sulfa pills are remarkably safe antibiotics even when taken for prolonged periods. One problem that you should be aware of is a skin rash, which could develop rarely. This would appear as a sunburn type of rash, which would be on many parts of your skin. If a rash would develop from taking these medicines, please stop the pill immediately and let me know.

As with any internal antibiotic medicine, rare side effects such as stomach upset, sun sensitivity, or vaginal yeast infections in women can occur. If you have any problems with taking your medication, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sulfa pills interact with very few other medications. As with all internal medicines, you should not take these pills if you are pregnant or nursing.

If you have any other questions about your treatment, please ask me after you read this form.