

## PATIENT COUNSELLING INFORMATION

<sup>Rx</sup> **Ampicillin & Cloxacillin Capsules 250/250 mg**

**MEGAPEN<sup>®</sup> CAPSULES**

### **Read the entire leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine:**

- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

### **1. What are Megapen<sup>®</sup> capsules and what is it used for?**

Megapen<sup>®</sup> capsules contain two antibiotics called Ampicillin and Cloxacillin. They both belong to a group of antibiotics called ‘penicillins’. Megapen<sup>®</sup> capsules work by killing bacteria that cause infections.

Megapen<sup>®</sup> capsules are used to treat bacterial infections of lungs, airways, bone, ear, nose, throat, post-operative infections and obstetric infections, etc.

### **2. What you need to know before you take Megapen<sup>®</sup> capsules?**

#### **Warnings and precautions**

Before taking Megapen<sup>®</sup> capsules, tell your doctor if you:

- Are allergic (hypersensitive) to Ampicillin, Cloxacillin, penicillins or cephalosporins.
- Are being treated for kidney or liver problems.
- Have leukaemia.
- Suffer from diarrhea caused by taking antibiotics.

## Other medicines and Megapen<sup>®</sup> capsules

**Tell your doctor if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines.**

- Megapen<sup>®</sup> capsules can make some existing conditions worse, or cause serious side effects such as allergic reactions and severe diarrhea.
- If you are taking probenecid (used for gout), your doctor may decide to adjust your dose of Megapen<sup>®</sup> capsules.
- If you are taking allopurinol (used for gout) with Megapen<sup>®</sup> capsules, it may be more likely that you'll have an allergic skin reaction.
- If you are taking sulphonamides and acetylsalicylic acid, your doctor may decide to adjust your dose of Megapen<sup>®</sup> capsules.
- Megapen<sup>®</sup> capsules may decrease the effect of the contraceptive pill. You will need to use extra contraceptive precautions, such as using a condom. If you need any advice, talk to your doctor.

**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 for advice before taking this medicine.

### 3. How to take Megapen<sup>®</sup> capsules?

Use the medicine exactly as directed by your doctor. Take this medicine with a full glass of water. Not to be chewed or crushed. To be swallowed whole.

The average adult dose for the fixed dose combination of Ampicillin & Cloxacillin capsules is 2 –4 g per day. In severe infections, dosages may be increased.

**Adults and children over 10 years:** 500 mg –1 g (1 –2 capsules) every 6 hours.

Note: Best results are obtained if dosages are administered half to one hour prior to meals or at least two hours after meals.

Use this medicine for the full prescribed length of time, even if your symptoms quickly improve. Skipping doses can increase your risk of infection that is resistant to medication. Antibacterial drugs like Ampicillin, Cloxacillin treat only bacterial infections. They do not treat viral infections such as the flu or a common cold.

**Very severe infections may need to be treated for several weeks.**

Ampicillin can cause unusual results with certain medical tests. Tell your doctor that you are using Ampicillin.

**If you take more Megapen<sup>®</sup> capsules than you should**

It is important to keep to the dose as prescribed by your doctor. If you have taken more Megapen<sup>®</sup> capsules than you should and if you are concerned about an overdose you should consult your doctor, if possible you should take the medicine pack with you.

**If you forget to take Megapen<sup>®</sup> capsules?**

If you forget to have a dose, have it as soon as you remember. However, if it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose. This may increase the chance of you getting an unwanted side effect.

**4. What are the possible side effects of Megapen<sup>®</sup> capsules?**

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. Get emergency medical help if you have signs of an allergic reaction (hives, difficult breathing, and swelling in your face or throat) or a severe skin reaction (fever, sore throat, burning eyes, skin pain, red or purple skin rash with blistering and peeling).

Common side effects may include diarrhea, nausea, skin rash, urticaria and pruritus.

This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur. If you notice any side-effects mentioned above, please tell your doctor.

If any of the side-effects become severe, or if you notice any side-effects not listed in the leaflet, please tell your doctor immediately.

**5. How to store Megapen<sup>®</sup> capsules?**

**Store in a cool, dry place. Protect from light.**

Keep out of reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date shown on the pack. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

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