

## ALTIPOD TABLET

### For the use only of a Registered Medical Practitioner or Hospital or a Laboratory

Abbreviated Prescribing information for ALTIPOD TABLET (Cefpodoxime Proxetil Tablets) [Please refer the complete prescribing information available at [www.torrentpharma.com](http://www.torrentpharma.com)]

**PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES:** Cefpodoxime proxetil is a beta-lactam antibiotic, a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation oral cephalosporin. It is the prodrug of cefpodoxime.

**INDICATION:** Upper respiratory tract infections including sinusitis; Tonsillitis; Pharyngitis; Lower respiratory tract infections including acute bronchitis and bacterial pneumonia; Upper and lower urinary tract infections including cystitis and acute pyelonephritis; Skin and soft tissue infections (abscesses, cellulitis, infected wounds, furuncles, folliculitis, paronychia, carbuncles and ulcers); Uncomplicated gonococcal urethritis (Gonorrhoea).

**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION:** Dosing varied from 100mg to 200mg twice daily for above mentioned indications in normal renal function patient. Patients with Creatinine clearance of 10 to 39ml/min requires a half of usual adult dose. Patients with less than 10ml/min require a quarter of usual dose. Patients with hemodialysis, unit dose administered after each dialysis session.

**CONTRAINDICATION:** Hypersensitivity to cephalosporin antibiotics.

**WARNINGS & PRECAUTIONS:** History/current allergy to penicillin/cephalosporin; Hypersensitivity/anaphylaxis reactions to beta lactam antibiotics; gastrointestinal disorders, pseudomembranous colitis, neutropenia; agranulocytosis; positive coomb's test; hemolytic anaemia; Possibility to develop overgrowth of non-susceptible microbes; Pseudomembranous colitis; Super infection. For cases of treatment lasting longer than 10 days, blood count should therefore be monitored. Not the preferred antibiotic for the treatment of staphylococcal pneumonia and should not be used in the treatment of atypical pneumonia caused by organisms such as Legionella, Mycoplasma and Chlamydia

**DRUG INTERACTIONS:** Interact with antacids, histamine H2-antagonists, probenecid, coumarin anti-coagulants, oral contraceptives, potential nephrotoxic agents (aminoglycosides and/or potent diuretics), false positive laboratory tests (with Benedict's or Fehling's solutions or with copper sulphate test tablets)

**ADVERSE REACTIONS:** Diarrhoea, antibiotic-associated colitis, including pseudomembranous colitis, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain and rash, urticarial, itching, headaches, dizziness, tinnitus, paresthesia, asthenia, malaise, hypersensitivity mucocutaneous reactions, skin rashes, bullous reactions such as Stevens-Johnson syndrome, toxic epidermal necrolysis and erythema multiforme, transient moderate elevations of ASAT, ALAT and alkaline phosphatases and/or bilirubin, slight increases in blood urea and creatinine, liver damage, anaphylactic reactions, haematological disorders such as reduction in haemoglobin, thrombocytosis, thrombocytopenia, leucopenia and eosinophilia, haemolytic anaemia, neutropenia and agranulocytosis.

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