

QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Zalpac[®] For Injection 500mg

Each vial contains:

Cefoperazone Sodium eq. to Cefoperazone.....250mg

Sulbactam Sodium eq. to Sulbactam.....250mg

Innovator's Specifications

Zalpac[®] For Injection 1g

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Zalpac[®] For Injection 2g

Cefoperazone Sodium eq. to Cefoperazone.....1g

Sulbactam Sodium eq. to Sulbactam.....1g

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DESCRIPTION

Sulbactam sodium/cefoperazone sodium combination is available as a dry powder for reconstitution in a 1:1 ratio in terms of free SBT/CPZ. Sulbactam sodium is a derivative of the basic penicillin nucleus. Cefoperazone sodium is a semisynthetic broad-spectrum cephalosporin antibiotic for parenteral use only.

CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

Mechanism of Action: They are Antibacterial category.

Pharmacodynamic properties: The antibacterial component of sulbactam/cefoperazone is cefoperazone, a third generation cephalosporin, which acts against sensitive organisms during the stage of active multiplication by inhibiting biosynthesis of cell wall mucopeptide. The combination of sulbactam and cefoperazone is active against all organisms sensitive to cefoperazone. Sulbactam/cefoperazone is active in vitro against a wide variety of clinically significant organisms: **Pharmacokinetics:** Approximately 84% of the sulbactam dose and 25% of the cefoperazone dose administered with sulbactam/cefoperazone is excreted by the kidney. Most of the remaining dose of cefoperazone is excreted in the bile. After sulbactam/cefoperazone administration the mean half-life for sulbactam is about 1 hour while that for cefoperazone is 1.7 hours.

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Mono-therapy: Sulbactam/cefoperazone is indicated for the treatment of the following infections when caused by susceptible organisms: Respiratory Tract Infections (Upper and Lower), Urinary Tract Infections (Upper and Lower), Peritonitis, Cholecystitis, Cholangitis, and Other Intra-Abdominal Infections, Septicemia, Meningitis, Skin and Soft Tissue Infections, Bone and Joint Infections, Pelvic Inflammatory Disease, Endometritis, Gonorrhea, and Other Infections of the Genital Tract.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Sulbactam/cefoperazone is contraindicated in patients with known allergy to penicillins, sulbactam, cefoperazone or any of the cephalosporins.

INTERACTIONS

Alcohol: A reaction characterized by flushing, sweating, headache, and tachycardia has been reported when alcohol was ingested during and as late as the fifth day after cefoperazone administration.

USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATION

Pregnancy and Lactation: Sulbactam and cefoperazone cross the placental barrier. There are, however, no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women, this drug should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed. **Use in Nursing Mothers:** Only small quantities of sulbactam and cefoperazone are excreted in human milk. Although both drugs pass poorly into breast milk of nursing mothers, caution should be exercised when sulbactam/cefoperazone is administered to a nursing mother. **Use in Renal Dysfunction:** Dosage regimens of sulbactam/cefoperazone should be adjusted in patients with marked decrease in renal function. **Use in Hepatic Dysfunction:** Cefoperazone is extensively excreted in bile. Dose modification may be necessary in cases of severe biliary obstruction, or severe hepatic disease.

PRECAUTIONS

Hypersensitivity: Serious and occasionally fatal hypersensitivity (anaphylactic) reactions have been reported in patients receiving beta-lactam or cephalosporin therapy. **Use in Hepatic Dysfunction:** In patients with hepatic dysfunction and concomitant renal impairment, cefoperazone serum concentrations should be monitored and dosage adjusted as necessary. In these cases, dosage, should not exceed 2 g/day of cefoperazone without close monitoring of serum concentrations. **General:** As with other antibiotics, Vitamin K deficiency has occurred in a few patients treated with cefoperazone. **Clostridium difficile associated diarrhea (CDAD):** It has been reported with use of nearly all antibacterial agents, including sulbactam sodium/cefoperazone sodium, and may range in severity from mild diarrhea to fatal colitis. **Effects on Ability to Drive and Use Machines:** Clinical experience with sulbactam/cefoperazone indicates that it is unlikely to impair a patient's ability to drive or use machinery. **Disulfiram-like reactions:** With alcohol consumption, disulfiram-like reactions occur within 72 hours of cefoperazone administration.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Sulbactam/cefoperazone is generally well tolerated. The majority of adverse events are of mild or moderate severity and are tolerated with continued treatment. In pooled clinical trial data from comparative and non-comparative studies in approximately 2,500 patients the following was observed. **Gastrointestinal, Dermatologic Reactions, Hematology:** 3.5% (40/1130) and thrombocytopenia 0.8% (11/1414) have occurred, and hypo-prothrombinemia 3.8% (10/262) has been reported. **Laboratory Abnormalities:** 1.2% (12/1040) levels, have been noted. **Side effects:** Headache, diarrhea, fever, injection pain and chills.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Doses should be administered every 12 hours in equally divided doses. In severe or refractory infections, the daily dosage of sulbactam/cefoperazone may be increased up to 8 g of the 1:1 ratio (i.e., 4 g cefoperazone activity). Patients receiving the 1:1 ratio may

