

# Sulfasalazine



## What this medication is used for

Widely used for children and adults with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis.



Health  
Canada

Health Canada also approved for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis in adults.



## How this medication works

Sulfasalazine works locally to reduce inflammation in the intestine



## How to use this medication

Available as a tablet and liquid

-Although some individuals receive benefit quite quickly, it can take a little longer in others. Keep taking your medication.



## Where treatment is administered

Fill your prescription at your pharmacy.



## Vaccines



Live vaccines  
- Safe



Inactivated vaccines  
- Safe



## How long to use this medication

This medication will be used to get your IBD under control and keep it under control long-term.



## Monitoring during treatment

Regular blood tests, stool tests, endoscopy and/or other imaging will be done to monitor for response and side-effects to medication.



## Side Effects

Abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea or headaches can occur.

-Skin rash. Talk to your healthcare team if you have a Sulfa allergy.

-Inflammation of the pancreas, lungs, liver, kidneys and heart may very rarely occur.



## When I should call my doctor

Please call if:

-You want to or have already stopped the medicine

-If you are concerned about any side effects

-Worsening IBD symptoms such as blood in the stool, diarrhea and/or abdominal pain

-If you become pregnant