Sulfasalazine

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What this medication is used for

Widely used for children with Crohn's disease and 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

PHARMACY

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, edoscopy and/or other imaging will be done to monitor for response and side-effects to medication.

Side effects

-Heartburn, abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea, loss of appetite or headaches can occur.

-Skin rash. Do not take this medication if you have a Sulfa allergy.

-Decreased bone marrow function may occur.

-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 already have stopped taking your medicine.

-If you are concerned about any side effects, especially new skin lesions on hands, feet and/or inside the mouth and nose.

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

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