

Oral Sulfa Desensitization [30400005236]

For patients who have had a non-life threatening reaction to sulfa drugs and require therapy with a sulfonamide antibiotic.

[Antimicrobial Stewardship Guidance](#)

URL: <https://www.nebraskamed.com/providers/asp/dosing-protocols/antimicrobial-desensitization>

General

Admission (Single Response)

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| <input type="radio"/> Admit to inpatient (bed request) | Details |
| <input type="radio"/> Place in observation (bed request) | Details |

Consent

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare consent form | Routine, Once For 1 Occurrences |
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Nursing Assessments / Interventions

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Continuous telemetry | Routine, Continuous
Telemetry indication? Drug monitoring
Discontinue 60 minutes after last dose if patient does not have another indication for telemetry monitoring. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vital signs | Routine, Continuous, Vitals signs prior to each desensitization dose and every 30 minutes x 2 (for 60 minutes) after final dose.
Include breathing sounds for bronchospasms and stridor. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuous Pulse oximetry | Routine, Continuous, Pulse oximetry every 30 minutes during desensitization and one hour post desensitization. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> If patient has a beta blocker ordered (eg, metoprolol, carvedilol, propranolol, atenolol, labetalol, etc.), confirm patient did not take beta blocker prior to oral sulfa desensitization that day. If beta blocker was taken, please notify ordering provider | Routine, Continuous
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ensure patient took scheduled respiratory medications prior to procedure | Routine, Continuous
Medication information included? Yes
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Confirm patient has functioning IV line placed | Routine, Continuous
Medication information included? No
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verify Resuscitation Cart available prior to administration of oral desensitization agent | Routine, Continuous
Medication information included? No
Verify Resuscitation Cart available prior to administration of oral desensitization agent. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notify physician if any signs or symptoms of allergic reaction: hypotension, tachycardia, chest tightness, respiratory distress, wheezing, stridor, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea, itching, rash, hives, facial edema, sneezing, rhinorrhea, or watery eyes | Routine, Continuous
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- For mild reaction (patchy macular and/or papular rash, hives or itching), administer diphenhydramine PO or IV as directed by prescriber.
- For severe reaction (hypotension, tachycardia, wheezing, chest tightness, respiratory distress, angioedema, and/or emesis and diarrhea), immediately administer Epinephrine IM and diphenhydramine IV then notify MD.
- Update allergy section within electronic medical record. If patient tolerated oral sulfa desensitization, document the agent and date tolerated within the comments section of the allergy. If patient failed oral sulfa desensitization, add antibiotic allergy and reaction.

Medications

Antibiotic Desensitization (Single Response)

- Oral trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole RAPID desensitization protocol
 - sulfamethoxazole-trimethoprim (BACTRIM,SEPTRA) 0.02-0.004 mg/1 ml oral dilution
 - sulfamethoxazole-trimethoprim (BACTRIM,SEPTRA) 0.2-0.04 mg/1 mL oral dilution
 - sulfamethoxazole-trimethoprim (BACTRIM,SEPTRA) 2-0.4 mg/1 ml oral dilution
 - sulfamethoxazole-trimethoprim (BACTRIM,SEPTRA) 20-4 mg/1 mL oral dilution
 - sulfamethoxazole-trimethoprim (BACTRIM,SEPTRA) 200-40 mg/5 mL suspension
 - sulfamethoxazole-trimethoprim (BACTRIM,SEPTRA) 400-80 mg per tablet
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Medications for Allergic Reaction

- Mild Allergic Reaction
 - 0.9% NaCl continuous infusion
 - albuterol (PROVENTIL HFA;VENTOLIN HFA) inhaler
 - diphenhydrAMINE (SOMINEX) tablet
- Severe Allergic Reaction

Routine, Continuous

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Routine, Continuous

Medication information included? Yes

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"Followed by" Linked Panel

0.004 mg of trimethoprim, Oral, Once, Starting H+30 Minutes, For 1 Doses

Suspected Pathogen:

0.04 mg of trimethoprim, Oral, Once, Starting H+60 Hours, For 1 Doses

Suspected Pathogen:

0.4 mg of trimethoprim, Oral, Once, Starting H+90 Minutes, For 1 Doses

Suspected Pathogen:

4 mg of trimethoprim, Oral, Once, Starting H+120 Minutes, For 1 Doses

Suspected Pathogen:

40 mg of trimethoprim, Oral, Once, Starting H+150 Minutes, For 1 Doses

Suspected Pathogen:

80 mg of trimethoprim, Oral, Once, Starting H+180 Minutes, For 1 Doses

Suspected Pathogen:

80 mg of trimethoprim, Oral, Daily, Starting tomorrow

Suspected Pathogen:

Intravenous, Continuous PRN, Allergic Reaction

2 puff, Inhalation, Every 20 minutes PRN, Wheezing, Shortness of Breath

Management:

50 mg, Oral, Every 2 hours PRN, Mild allergic reaction

Daily maximum of 400mg

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> diphenhydrAMINE (BENADRYL) injection | 50 mg, Intravenous, Every 2 hours PRN, Allergies, Mild or Severe allergic reaction
Daily maximum of 400mg |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EPINEPHRINE INJECTABLE ALLERGY ORDERABLE | 0.3 mg, Intramuscular, Every 10 minutes PRN, Severe allergic reaction, For 2 Doses
Maximum number of doses: 2 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> hydrocortisone sod succ (PF) (Solu-CORTEF) injection | 100 mg, Intravenous, Once PRN, Severe allergic reaction, For 1 Doses
Severe allergic reaction |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ranitidine (ZANTAC) IV | 50 mg, Intravenous, Once PRN, Severe allergic reaction, For 1 Doses
Please contact pharmacy for dose if needed. |

Patient/Family Signature(Date & Time) _____