SULFASALAZINE

(Brand Name: Azulfidine)

STRENGTH: 500 mg Tablets

ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: ORAL. Best given with food. Sulfasalazine is given three times daily.

ACTION OF MEDICATION: Anti-inflammatory in the large intestine (i.e. treatment of colitis). Bacteria there cleave this medication into a sulfa antibiotic and an anti-inflammatory for the bowel.

MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Reduced appetite and/or vomiting. These are generally minor though the medication is brightly orange colored and the vomit may stain fabrics.

SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Pale or yellow gums, listlessness, uncomfortable eyes (squinting, mucous discharge which could indicate disruption in tear function), skin rashes, reduced appetite or vomiting which does not resolve. Serious side effects are believed to occur in approximately 4% of patients.

STORAGE: Keep away from light and store at room temperature. Do not refrigerate.

IF YOU MISS A DOSE: Do not double up on the next dose. Simply give the medication when it is remembered or pick up with the next dose, allowing at least the proper interval between doses according to the label instructions.

OTHER INFORMATION: Should not be used in patients with poor tear function. Doberman pinschers are believed to be sensitive to negative side effects of sulfa drugs.

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