

Finallerg[®]

(Cetirizine dihydrochloride)

Pharmacological information

Mode of action

Finallerg[®] (Cetirizine dihydrochloride) is a selective antihistamine H₁-receptor antagonist devoid of any significant anticholinergic or antiserotonin effect (sedating effect) as Cetirizine does not cross the blood-brain barrier.

Cetirizine inhibits the histamine-mediated early phase of the cutaneous allergic reaction. It also reduces the migration of inflammatory cells such as eosinophils and the release of mediators associated with late cutaneous allergic response, thus Cetirizine is considered as antihistaminic-antiallergic agent. Cetirizine also reduces the bronchial hyperreactivity to histamine in asthmatic patients

Indications

Finallerg[®] is indicated in symptomatic treatment of seasonal rhinitis and conjunctives, perennial allergic rhinitis, as well as pruritus and urticaria of allergic origin.

Dosage and administration

Finallerg[®] may be taken with food, water or milk if gastric irritation occurs.

Usual adult dose: The recommended dose is 10mg day as a single dose, preferably taken during the evening meal. If side effects arise, cetirizine may be taken as 5 mg in the morning and 5 mg in the evening

Children of 6 years and above: The same dosage as the adults.

Children 3-6 years: The recommended dose is 5 mg day as a single dose or 2.5mg in the morning and the evening

Drops 20 drop = (1 ml) = 10mg

10 drop = (0.5 ml) = 5 mg

5 drop = (0.25 ml) = 2.5mg

20 ml solution = 10 mg.

5 ml solution = 5 mg.

2.5 ml solution = 2.5mg

Contraindications

Finallerg[®] contraindicated in patients with a hypersensitivity to any of the constituents

Precautions

- Cross-sensitivity: Patients sensitive to one antihistamine may be sensitive to others.
- Cetirizine at the therapeutic doses has not shown a potentiation of the effect of alcohol (for an alcohol blood level of 0.8 g/L). Nevertheless precaution is recommended.

Use in pregnancy and lactation: Finallerg[®] should not be given to pregnant women during the first three months of pregnancy, nor should women who are breastfeeding take this drug.

Interference with diagnostic test results: False-negative results in skin tests using allergen extracts. It is recommended that cetirizine should be discontinued 72 hours before test.

Drug Interactions

There are no known interaction with other drugs, non-the less, caution is advised when sedatives are also taken

Side effects

When Finallerg is administered at recommended doses, the side effects that may occur are comparable to placebo including agitation, dry mouth, drowsiness, headache and gastro-intestinal discomfort.

How supplied

Finallerg[®] F C tablets: Cetirizine dihydrochloride 10mg tablet.

(Available in different pack sizes).

Finallerg[®] syrup: Cetirizine dihydrochloride 1mg/1ml (1 ml)

(Available in different pack sizes).

Finallerg[®] oral drops: Cetirizine dihydrochloride 10mg/1

(10 ml). (Available in different pack sizes).

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- Medicament is a product which affects your health, and its consumption contrary to instructions is dangerous for you.
- Follow exactly the doctor's prescription, method for use and the instructions of the pharmacist who sold the medication
- The doctor and the pharmacist are experts in medicine, its benefits and risks .
- Do not by yourself interrupt the period of treatment prescribed for you.
- Do not repeat the same prescription without consulting your doctor

