

PARACETAMOL ELIXIR

Analgesic / Antipyretic

Composition : Each teaspoonful (5ml) contains 120 mg Paracetamol.

Actions : Paracetamol produces analgesia through its selective depressant action on the pain receptor in the central nervous system. Reduction of fever results by its direct effect on the hypothalamic heat-regulating center to produce peripheral vasodilatation resulting in increase blood flow through the skin, sweating and heat loss.

Indications : Paracetamol Elixir gently relieves pain and reduces temperature in babies and infants. It is indicated for the relief of painful disorders such as teething, toothache, and sore throats. It also reduces feverishness in colds, influenza, childhood infections and vaccinations. Paracetamol Elixir is suitable for babies and children aged 2 months and above.

Dosage and Administration

Age	Average Body Weight (Kg)	Dose (ml)
2 - 3 months	4 - 6 Kg	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon
3 - 6 months	6 - 8 Kg	$\frac{1}{2}$ - 1 teaspoon
6 - 12 months	8 - 10 Kg	1 - 1 + $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon
1 - 2 years	10 - 12 Kg	1 - 1 + $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon
2 - 3 years	12 - 14 Kg	1 + $\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 teaspoons
3 - 4 years	14 - 16 Kg	1 + $\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 teaspoons
4 - 5 years	16 - 18 Kg	1 + $\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 teaspoons

* Based on 15 mg/kg body weight

If necessary, the dose may be repeated every 4 hours but do not take more than 4 doses in 24 hours. Paracetamol Elixir should not be given to infants under 2 months of age except on medical advice. Do not give more than the stated dose. If an excessive amount is taken, contact a doctor immediately. Paracetamol Elixir should not be given to children for more than 3 days without consulting a doctor.

Contraindications

Paracetamol Elixir is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to the drug.

Precautions : This preparation contains paracetamol. Do not take other paracetamol containing medications at the same time. Keep this and all medication out of the reach of children. If the child has been diagnosed with liver or kidney impairment, seek medical advice before giving this medication. Do not exceed the stated dose. If symptoms persist, seek medical advice.

Side Effects : When taken at recommended doses, Paracetamol Elixir is usually free from side-effects.

Drug Interactions : Paracetamol Elixir may interact with anticoagulant agents or prothrombin time. The anticoagulant effect of warfarin & other coumarins may be enhanced by prolonged daily use of paracetamol with increased risk of bleeding; occasional doses have no significant effect.

Overdosage : Immediate medical management is required in the event of overdose, even if symptoms of overdose are not present. Paracetamol overdose may cause liver damage. Early symptoms may cause pallor, nausea, vomiting, (diaphoresis) and general malaise. Clinical and laboratory evidence of liver damage may not be apparent until 48 to 72 hours post-ingestion. Overdose should be promptly treated by gastric lavage followed by intravenous N-acetylcysteine or methionine without waiting for the results of plasma paracetamol levels. Additional antidote therapy is normally considered in light of further plasma paracetamol levels and the time elapsed since ingestion. In all cases of suspected overdose, prompt medical attention is critical for adults as well as for children, even if you do not notice any signs or symptoms.

Pharmaceutical Precautions : Store below 25°C in a well sealed container.

How Supplied : 60 ml Glass Bottles.

THIS IS A MEDICINE

- Medicines are products which affect your health, and failure to follow the instructions may be dangerous for you.
- Follow your doctor's advice carefully, the method of use, and the instructions of the pharmacist who sold you the medicine.
- Your doctor and pharmacist are expert in the use of medicines, and their benefits and risks.
- Do not stop your course of treatment early unless advised to do so by your doctor or pharmacist.
- Do not repeat the same prescription without consulting your doctor.

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