

PARACETAMOL

Analgesic / Antipyretic
Tablets

Composition: Each tablet contains 500 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. It is metabolized in the liver and excreted in the urine.

Indications: Paracetamol is indicated for the relief of painful disorders such as headache, migraine, earache, toothache, backache, rheumatic and muscular pain, neuralgia and menstrual cramps. It is also indicated in conditions accompanied by discomfort and fever such as common colds & flu, sore throat and viral infections.

Dosage and Administration

Paracetamol Tablets are suitable for adults and children over 6 years of age.

Paracetamol Elixir / Suppositories are recommended for the relief of pain and fever in younger children under 6 years of age.

Adults: One to two tablets up to four times a day; not more than 8 tablets in 24 hours.

Children (6 to 12 years): Half to one tablet up to 4 times a day; not more than 4 tablets in 24 hours.

Not recommended for children under 6 years.

If necessary, the dose may be repeated every four hours but do not take more than four doses in 24 hours.

Contraindications

Paracetamol is contraindicated in patient 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.

Paracetamol should be used with caution in cases of severe liver or kidney damage. Do not take this product for pain for more than 10 days or for fever for more than 3 days, unless directed by a doctor. If pain or fever persists or gets worse, if new symptoms occur, or if redness and swelling are present, consult a doctor because these could be signs of a serious condition.

If sore throat is severe & persists for more than 2 days, is accompanied by fever, headache, rash, nausea, vomiting, consult a doctor immediately.

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

Drug Interactions

Paracetamol tablets may interact with anticoagulant agent on prothrombin time. The liver effects of Paracetamol tablets may be increased by the use of alcohol & the concomitant use of certain drugs which enhance the metabolism of Paracetamol in the liver (i.e. barbiturates, tricyclic antidepressants).

The anticoagulant effect of warfarin and other coumarins may be enhanced by prolonged daily use of paracetamol with increased risk of bleeding; occasional doses have no significant effect.

Overdosage

In massive overdosage exceeding 10g, Paracetamol tablets 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

Blister packs of 20 tablets.

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, & 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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