

THYMAZOLE TABLET

Carbimazole (5mg)

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What THYMAZOLE is used for

THYMAZOLE is used to treat hyperthyroidism or overactive thyroid gland (a condition where the thyroid gland produces too much thyroid hormones).

How THYMAZOLE works

THYMAZOLE belongs to a group of medicines called antihyperthyroidism agents. These medicines work by reducing the production of thyroid hormones.

Before you use THYMAZOLE

- When you must not take it

Do not take THYMAZOLE if:

- You have had an allergic reaction to THYMAZOLE or any ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet
- You have a previous history of serious adverse reactions to carbimazole
- You have obstruction of the windpipe (worsened by enlargement of the thyroid gland)

- You are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. THYMAZOLE passes into breast milk. Your doctor will discuss the risks and benefits of using THYMAZOLE if you are breast-feeding.

- Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor if:

- You are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. THYMAZOLE is not generally recommended for use in pregnant women unless the benefits of treatment outweigh the risk of the unborn baby. Carbimazole may be given during pregnancy but the smallest effective dose should be used and treatment should be discontinued three or four weeks before delivery.
- You have low white blood cells which usually occur during the first month.
- You are currently being given a course of iodine as part of your treatment
- You are allergic to any other medicines, foods, dyes or preservatives

If you have not told your doctor or pharmacist about any of the above, tell them before you start taking THYMAZOLE.

- Taking other medicines

There are no reports that Carbimazole is incompatible with any other medicines or foods.

How to use THYMAZOLE

- How much to use

Take THYMAZOLE exactly as your doctor has prescribed. Your doctor will tell you how many THYMAZOLE tablets to take each day.

Your dose of THYMAZOLE may also change from time to time, according to your progress.

Therefore be sure to keep your appointments with your doctor so that your progress can be checked.

Initial dose:

Mild cases – 20mg daily in 8 hourly divided doses

Moderate cases – 40mg daily in 8 hourly divided doses

Severe cases – 40-60mg daily in 8 hourly divided doses

When the symptoms are controlled the dose should be reduced. Usually between 10 to 15mg daily.

- When to use it

Take THYMAZOLE at about the same time each day.

Taking your medicine at the same time each day will have the best effect. It will also help you remember when to take the tablets.

- How long to use it

Continue taking your medicine for as long as your doctor tells you.

- If you forget to use it

If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the dose you

missed and take your next dose when you are meant to.

Otherwise, take it as soon as you remember, and then go back to taking your tablet as you would normally.

Do not take a double dose to make up for the dose that you missed. This may increase the chance of you getting an unwanted side effect.

If you have trouble remembering to take your medicine, ask your pharmacist for some hints.

- *If you use too much (overdose)*

Immediately telephone your doctor for advice or go to Accident and Emergency (Casualty) at your nearest hospital if you think that you or anyone else may have taken too much THYMAZOLE Tablet.

Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

You may need urgent medical attention.

Signs of overdose may include:

- low white blood cells, low blood platelets and low red blood cells
- skin rash
- fever
- sore throat
- mouth ulcers

While you are using it

- *Things you must do*

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists who are treating you that you are taking THYMAZOLE.

Tell your doctor if you become pregnant while taking THYMAZOLE.

Tell your doctor that you are taking THYMAZOLE if you are going to have any laboratory tests.

Tell your doctor if, for any reason, you have not taken your medicine exactly as prescribed.

- *Things you must not do*

Do not stop taking THYMAZOLE or change the dose without first checking with your doctor.

Do not let yourself run out of medicine over the weekend or on holidays.

Do not give THYMAZOLE to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you.

Do not use THYMAZOLE to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.

Do not take any other medicines whether they require a prescription or not without first telling your doctor or consulting a pharmacist.

- *Things to be careful of*

Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how THYMAZOLE affects you.

However, THYMAZOLE is not expected to affect your ability to drive a car or operate machinery.

Side effects

All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical treatment if you get some of the side effects.

Tell your doctor if you notice any of the following and they worry you:

- skin rash

- joint pains
- skin rashes
- hives (nettle rash)
- fever
- sore throat.

These are the side effects of THYMAZOLE.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that is making you feel unwell. Other side effects not listed above may also occur in some people.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835550, or visiting the website portal.bpfk.gov.my (Consumers → Reporting).

Storage and Disposal of THYMAZOLE

- *Storage*

Keep the medicine in a place where the temperature stays below 25 degrees Celsius. Protect from light.

Do not store THYMAZOLE Tablet or any other medicine in the bathroom or near a sink.

Do not leave it in the car or on window sills.

Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

Keep THYMAZOLE Tablet where children cannot reach it.

A locked cupboard at least one-and-a-half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

- Disposal

If your doctor tells you to stop taking THYMAZOLE Tablet or the tablets have passed their expiry date, ask your pharmacist what to do with any that are left over.

Return any unused medicine to your pharmacist.

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Product Description

- What it looks like

THYMAZOLE TABLET is a 7mm round tablet, white in colour with “Star” marking and ”DUO 861”.

- Ingredients

Active ingredient:

- Carbimazole

Inactive ingredients:

- Aerosil
- Cornstarch
- Lactose
- Promigel
- Citric acid
- EDTA
- Magnesium stearate

- MAL number

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