

AXCEL CETIRIZINE SYRUP

Cetirizine Dihydrochloride (5mg/5ml)

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What Axcel Cetirizine Syrup is used for

Axcel Cetirizine Syrup is used for seasonal symptomatic treatment. It can be used to treat:

- Rhinitis (irritation and inflammation of the mucous membrane inside the nose).
- Perennial allergic rhinitis (symptoms year-round due to indoor allergens from pets, mold, dust mites and cockroach residue).
- Urticaria (itchy areas of skin) of allergic origin.

How Axcel Cetirizine Syrup works

Cetirizine is an antihistamine. It works by selectively inhibits the peripheral H1 receptors.

Before you use Axcel Cetirizine Syrup

- When you must not use it

Do not take Axcel Cetirizine Syrup if:

- If you are having hypersensitivity to any of its ingredients.
- If you are on first 3 months of pregnancy and a nursing mother.
- If it is not prescribed by a qualified doctor or pharmacist for you.

- Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor if:

- If you are allergic to any medicines, food and dyes.
- If you are taking any other medicines (including those not prescribed by your doctor).
- If you are pregnant or nursing babies.

- Taking other medicines

You should tell your doctor if you are taking the other medicine as it may interact with your Axcel Cetirizine Syrup:

- Alcohol or other central nervous system (CNS) depressants.

How to use Axcel Cetirizine Syrup

- How much to use

To be administered orally.

Adult: 10ml (10mg) once daily

Children:

Above 6 years: 5ml (5mg) twice daily or 10ml (10mg) once daily.

Children 2-6 years: 2.5ml (2.5mg) twice daily or 5ml (5mg) once daily.

Children 1-2 years: 2.5ml (2.5mg) twice daily.

In patients with kidney problem, dosage should be reduced to half the daily dose.

Follow the advice from your doctor or pharmacist closely. It might be different from the information provide in this leaflet. If you do not understand the guidance at your medicine label, please refer to your doctor or pharmacist.

- When to use it

Your doctor will decide when it is appropriate for you to use Axcel Cetirizine Syrup according to the type of condition you have.

- How long to use it

Continue taking Axcel Cetirizine Syrup for as long as your doctor recommends.

- If you forget to use it

Consult your doctor or pharmacist on what you should do if you forget to use it.

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then take the medicine and skip the missed dose. Do not take a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

- If you use too much (overdose)

- In initial observation, overdosage of cetirizine may cause restlessness and irritability, followed by drowsiness. Should overdose occur, treatment should be symptomatic or supportive, taking into account any concomitantly ingested medications.

- In the case of massive overdosage, gastric lavage should be performed as soon as possible. Usual supportive measures should be provided and routine observation carried out regularly.

It is advisable for you to contact and inform your doctor if you did take Axcel Cetirizine Syrup too much.

While you are using it

- Things you must do

- Take your medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.
- Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are taking Axcel Cetirizine Syrup.
- Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while taking this medication.

- Things you must not do

- Do not stop taking the medicine unless advised by your doctor.
- Do not take any new medicines without consulting your doctor.

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- Do not give Axcel Cetirizine Syrup to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.
- Things to be careful of
 - Avoid prolonged use with high dosage.
 - Avoid activities requiring mental alertness.
 - Special precaution should be given to children below 2 years old.

Side effects

Like all medicines, Axcel Cetirizine Syrup can cause side effects although not everybody gets them. You are advised to consult doctor/ pharmacist for further information. The following common side effects have been reported:

- Headache.
- Dizziness.
- Drowsiness.
- Agitation.
- Dry mouth.
- Gastrointestinal discomfort.
- Occasional symptom of hypersensitivity.

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

Storage and Disposal of Axcel Cetirizine Syrup

- Storage

Keep Axcel Cetirizine Syrup out of reach of children.
Store below 30°C. Keep container well closed and protect from light.
- Disposal

Do not use Axcel Cetirizine Syrup after the expiry date which is stated on the carton.
Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to

dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

Product Description

- What it looks like
Axcel Cetirizine Syrup is clear, colourless syrup with banana flavour.

- Ingredients
Active Ingredient:
Cetirizine Dihydrochloride

Inactive Ingredient (s):
Refined Sugar, Propylene Glycol, Purified Water, Banana Flavour, Glycerin, Sorbitol, Methylparaben, Sodium Saccharin and Sodium Citrate.

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