

AXCEL CHLOROQUINE TABLET

Chloroquine Phosphate (250mg)

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What Axcel Chloroquine Tablet is used for

Axcel Chloroquine Tablet is used for the treatment and suppression of vivax malaria (common), falciparum malaria (severe), giardiasis (infection of the intestine), chronic lupus erythematosus (autoimmune disease) and other skin diseases, inflammation of the liver such as extraintestinal amoebiasis (amoebic hepatitis) and liver abscess, and rheumatoid arthritis (inflammation of the joints and surrounding tissues).

How Axcel Chloroquine Tablet works

Axcel Chloroquine Tablet contains chloroquine phosphate. Chloroquine phosphate is an anti-malarial. It acts on the malarial parasite in the blood stream, and may prevent, suppress or treat the disease depending upon the strain of parasite contracted and the progression of the disease.

Before you use Axcel Chloroquine Tablet

-When you must not use it

Do not take Axcel Chloroquine Tablet if:

- You are allergic or hypersensitive to Chloroquine Phosphate.
- You are pregnant unless the risk of malaria is greater than the possible risk of damage to the foetus.
- You have either severe gastrointestinal, neurological and

blood disorders, or liver impairment.

- You use any application of gold or phenylbutazone.

-Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor if:

- You are allergic to any medicines.
- You are on long-term treatment, regular examination of eye disorder should be carried out. It should be administered with great caution in individuals with kidney or liver impairment, with porphyria (nerve or skin problems) or psoriasis (red and scaly patches of skin). Reactions are more frequent in alcoholics.
- You are pregnant and breast-feeding.

-Taking other medicines

- Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you buy without a prescription from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

It may still be all right for you to take Axcel Chloroquine Tablet and your doctor will be able to decide what is suitable for you.

How to use Axcel Chloroquine Tablet

-How much to use

Malaria (therapy):

To be taken before or better after meal. In case of acute attack of malaria, the total dose required usually need not exceed 1.5 g of Chloroquine base. The initial dose of 4 tablets is followed by 2 tablets after 6-8 hours and by 2 tablets on each of the two following days. In patients partially immune to the preparation, a single dose of 3 to 4 tablets is usually sufficient to suppress an attack.

Malaria (prophylaxis):

The following dose is taken once weekly, always on the same time. For prevention of malaria, a dose of 2 tablets is administered during the existence of the risk of infection and for 4-8 weeks afterwards. In non-immune persons, in area with great

risk of infection, a dose of 4 tablets weekly may be required.

Treatment of extraintestinal amoebiasis and liver abscess:

1-2 tablets daily for at least 2 or 3 weeks. Children are administered 1/3-2/3 of the adult dose according to age and development. In case of a life-threatening liver abscess, the dose on the 1st and 2nd day may be doubled or an injection of chloroquine phosphate solution may be administered.

Treatment of lupus erythematosus:

1 tablet once or twice daily for 1 or 2 weeks, followed by a maintenance dose of 1 tablet daily.

Treatment of chronic rheumatoid arthritis:

1 tablet once daily after evening meal through several months. In case of adverse reactions, administration should be withheld for several days until reaction disappear. The treatment should be continued with ½ tablet daily and if well tolerated, increased to 1 tablet. If improvement is not observed after 6 months, the medicine should be discontinued. In infants and children the dosage is preferably calculated on the body weight

-When to use it

Your doctor will decide when it is appropriate for you to take Axcel Chloroquine Tablet according to the type of infection you have.

-How long to use it

- Take this medicine as stated in the leaflet without exceeding the dosage.
- Follow any recommendations and advices from your doctor or pharmacist.

-If you forget to use it

- Do not double up the dosage as Axcel Chloroquine Tablet may give you unacceptable side effects.

-If you use too much (overdose)

- It is advisable for you to contact your doctor immediately or go to the Emergency Department of

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your nearest hospital if you did take Axcel Chloroquine Tablet too much.

While you are using it

-Things you must do

- Discuss with your doctor or pharmacist the dos' and don'ts' while taking this medicine.
- Tell your doctor if unexpectedly you need to take any other medicines.
- Take the Axcel Chloroquine Tablet according to the recommended dosage.
- Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you experience any side effects that are not listed in this leaflet.

-Things you must not do

- Do not take your medicine more than the suggested frequency in a day.
- Do not over dosage the medicine during any single consumption.

-Things to be careful of

- -For long-term treatment, regular examination of eye disorder should be carried out.
- This medicine may affect your ability to drive or use machines. If the tablets make you feel sick, dizzy or tired, or give you a headache, do not drive or use machines and contact your doctor immediately.

Side effects

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

Chloroquine phosphate is relatively well tolerated. Mild and transient headache, visual disturbances, stomach and intestine disorders, and itchiness may be provoked by the quantity of the medicine applied in acute malaria attack in prolonged chronic treatment. All symptoms occur in a mild form and rapidly disappear on discontinuation of the medicine. The long-term treatment of diseases other than malaria with high doses may cause vision impairment.

Visual failure is not necessarily progressive if the medicine is discontinued, yet it appears to be irreversible.

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 npra.moh.gov.my (Public → Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)).

Storage and disposal of Axcel Chloroquine Tablet

-Storage

Keep Axcel Chloroquine Tablet out of reach of children.

Store below 30°C. Keep container well closed and protect from light.

-Disposal

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 Chloroquine Tablet is a white, flat, round tablet, 11mm in diameter with a single score-line on one side and marked KOTRA logo on the other side.

-Ingredients

- Active Ingredient (s):
Chloroquine Phosphate

- Inactive Ingredients:
Lactose, Dioctyl Sodium Sulphosuccinate, PVP K90, Talcum Powder, Corn Starch, Magnesium Stearate, Isopropyl Alcohol and Purified Water.

-MAL Number

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