

PROCHLOR TABLET

Prochlorperazine Maleate 5mg

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What Prochlor is used for

Prochlor is indicated in the management of psychotic conditions including the treatment of schizophrenia and for the quieting effect in hyperactive or excited psychotic patients

Prochlor is used to treat nausea, vomiting and dizziness due to various causes, including migraine (severe headache) or drug induced emesis (vomiting) and for the short-term symptomatic relief or vertigo as occurs in the Meniere's disease (an inner ear disorder that affects balance and hearing) or labyrinthitis (irritation and swelling of the inner ear)

How Prochlor works

Prochlor belongs to a group of medicines called phenothiazines. It helps to correct chemical imbalances in the brain, allowing it to function correctly. These chemicals may also affect the parts of the brain which control nausea (feeling sick) and vomiting.

Before you use Prochlor

- When you must not take it

Do not take Prochlor if you have an allergy to:

- Prochlor
- severe central nervous system depression
- severe cardiovascular disease.
- the group of medicines called Phenothiazines
- of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.

Symptoms of an allergic reaction to Prochlor may include:

- shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty in breathing
- swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body
- rash, itching or hives on the skin

Prochlor must not be given to anyone who is unconscious or in a coma.

Do not take any medicines that cause drowsiness while you are taking Prochlor.

Do not take this medicine after the expiry date printed on the pack or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

If you are not sure whether you should start taking Prochlor, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

- Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you have allergies to:

- any other medicines
- any other substances, such as foods, preservatives or dyes.

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.

Like most phenothiazine medicines, Prochlor is not recommended for use during pregnancy. If there is a need to take Prochlor during your pregnancy, your doctor will discuss with you the benefits and risks of using it.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed.

It is recommended that you do not breastfeed while taking Prochlor, as it is not known whether Prochlor passes into breast milk.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you have or have had any of the following medical conditions:

- Parkinson's disease, a disease of the brain affecting movement which causes rigid posture, trembling, slow movement and unbalanced walk.
- heart and blood vessel problems, low blood pressure
- liver disease
- prostate problems
- epilepsy, seizures or fits
- glaucoma, a condition in which there is usually a build-up of fluid in the eye

- Taking other medicines

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

Some medicines and Prochlor may interfere with each other. These include:

- some medicines used to control depression
- alcohol
- procarbazine, an anticancer drug
- some medicines used to control epilepsy
- medicines used to treat Parkinson's disease
- anticholinergic medicines which are used to relieve stomach cramps, spasms and travel sickness
- atropine, a medicine which may be used in some eye drops or cough and cold preparations
- medicines used to treat high blood pressure and fluid build-up in your body

These medicines may be affected by Prochlor or may affect how well it works. You may need different amounts of your medicine or you may need to take different medicines. Your doctor will advise you.

How to use Prochlor

- How much to use

Adults' dose:

Psychotic disorders

1 or 2 tablets three to four times daily.

Usual adult prescribing limits: Up to 150mg daily for treatment of psychotic disorders.

Anxiety

5mg (base), 3 to 4 times daily, up to 20mg daily, up to 20mg daily for no longer than 12 weeks.

Nausea and vomiting

1 or 2 tablets three to four times daily up to 40mg a day.

- When to use it

It does not matter if you take Prochlor before or after food.

- How long to use it

Continue taking Prochlor 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 medicine as you would normally.

Do not take a double dose to make up for the dose that you missed.

- 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 Prochlor.

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

You may need urgent medical attention.

While you are using it

- Things you must do

Tell your doctor immediately if you notice any uncontrolled movements of the tongue, face, mouth or jaw.

These are symptoms of a very rare condition called tardive dyskinesia, which may develop in people taking phenothiazine medicines, including Prochlor.

Tell any other doctors, dentists and pharmacists who are treating you that you are taking Prochlor.

If you are about to be started on any new medicines, tell your doctor, dentist or pharmacist that you are taking Prochlor.

If you become pregnant while taking Prochlor, tell your doctor immediately.

- Things you must not do

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

Do not take Prochlor to treat any other complaints unless your doctor or pharmacist tells you to.

Do not stop taking Prochlor, or lower the dosage, even if you are feeling better, without checking with your doctor.

If you stop taking Prochlor suddenly, your condition may worsen or your chance of getting an unwanted side effect may increase. To prevent this, your doctor may gradually reduce the amount of Prochlor you take each day before stopping completely.

- Things to be careful of

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

As with other medicines, Prochlor may cause lightheadedness, dizziness, tiredness, drowsiness in some people.

Make sure you know how you react to Prochlor before you drive a car, operate machinery, or do anything else that could be dangerous if you are dizzy or lightheaded. If this occurs do not drive.

If Prochlor makes you feel lightheaded, dizzy or faint, be careful when getting up from a sitting or lying position. Getting up slowly may help.

Your doctor may suggest you avoid alcohol while you are being treated with Prochlor.

Prochlor may cause your skin to be much more sensitive to sunlight than it is normally. Exposure to sunlight may cause a skin rash, itching or redness. If your skin does appear to be burning, tell your doctor.

Prochlor may affect the way your body reacts to temperature changes.

Side effects

Like all medicines, Prochlor tablet can cause side effects, although not everyone gets them.

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

- constipation
- dry mouth
- drowsiness
- restlessness
- trembling, rigid posture, slow movements and unbalanced walk
- blurred vision

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 Prochlor

- Storage

Keep Prochlor tablets in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 30°C. Protect from light.

Keep your Prochlor in the pack until it is time to take them.

If you take the tablets out of the pack, they may not keep well.

Do not store Prochlor 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 it 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 or pharmacist tells you to stop taking Prochlor, or the medicine has passed its expiry date, ask your pharmacist what to do with any that are left over.

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

Prochlor Tablet 5
6.5mm in diameter, round, convex, scored pink coloured, marked 'UP' on one side.

- Ingredients

Active ingredient:

- Prochlorperazine maleate.

Inactive ingredients:

- Corn starch
- Lactose
- Magnesium stearate
- Ponceau 4R

- MAL number

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Manufacturer

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