

PRICOLAX TABLET 5MG

Bisacodyl 5mg

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What *Pricolax* is used for

For the treatment of constipation, to evacuate the bowels before or after an operation or radiology procedure.

How *Pricolax* works

Bisacodyl belongs to a group of medicines known as stimulant laxatives. Stimulant laxatives increase bowel movements.

Before you use *Pricolax*

When you must not use it

- you are allergic to bisacodyl or any of the other ingredients of *Pricolax*.
- are pregnant or breastfeeding.
- have a blocked bowel (intestinal obstruction).
- have inflammation of the bowel.
- not recommended for children under 6 years old.

Before you start to use it

- 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.
- Tell your doctor if you have kidney problems.

Taking other medicines

- Do not use together with products containing potassium or magnesium salts.
- Do not take with milk or antacids.

How to use *Pricolax*

How much to use

Adult and children above 6 years old: 1 – 2 tablets to be taken at bedtime. Drink at least 6 to 8 full glasses (240ml) of liquid every day when using laxative to aid stool softening and to protect against dehydration when large volume of water are lost with passage of stool.
To prepare patient for before/after operation and before radiology: 2 – 4

tablets to be taken the night before and one suppository to be inserted the following morning for complete evacuation of the intestine.
Follow all directions given to you by your doctor and pharmacist carefully. They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet. If you do not understand the instructions on the label, ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.

When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

How long to use it

Continue taking *Pricolax* for as long as your doctor recommends.

If you forget to use it

Consult the 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 to 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)

Contact your doctor immediately or go to the Emergency Department of your nearest hospital, if you think you or anyone else may have taken too much of this medicine. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.

While you are using *Pricolax*

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 *Pricolax*.
- Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while taking this medication.

Things you must not do

- Avoid prolonged use as it may result in serious loss of water and electrolytes, muscle weakness and weight loss.
- Swallow the whole tablet, do not chew or crush tablets.
- Do not take any new medicines without consulting your doctor.
- Do not give *Pricolax* to anyone else,

even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

Things to be careful of

Special precautions should be taken when used during pregnancy.

Side effects

Like all medicines, *Pricolax* can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. Visit your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you experience any side effects after taking this medicine. May occasionally cause severe abdominal cramps, diarrhoea, belching or nausea. 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 *Pricolax*

Storage

Store below 30°C. Protect from light. Keep out of reach and sight of children.

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?

Yellow, round, biconvex, enteric-coated tablet.

Ingredients

- Active ingredient: bisacodyl.
- Inactive ingredients: tricalcium phosphate, lactose monohydrate, cornstarch, polyvinylpyrrolidone, magnesium stearate and coating materials.

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