

ASMATEN SYRUP

Ketotifen (1mg/5ml)

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What ASMATEN SYRUP is used for

ASMATEN SYRUP is for long-term prevention of bronchial asthma, allergic bronchitis (swelling and inflammation of the main air passages to the lungs), and asthmatic symptoms associated with hay fever. It is also used for prevention and treatment of multisystem allergies, allergic rhinitis (inflammation of the nasal airways), and allergic skin reactions.

How ASMATEN SYRUP works

ASMATEN SYRUP contains the active ingredient, ketotifen fumarate. It is an antihistamine with anti-allergy properties.

ASMATEN SYRUP is also an anti-asthmatic medication. Ketotifen Fumarate is a non-bronchodilator anti-asthmatic drug with marked anti-anaphylactic properties (the state of desensitization to antigens) and a specific antihistaminic effect.

In allergic conditions certain substances called histamines are released in the body. These trigger inflammatory responses.

Antihistamines work by preventing the release of histamine from certain cells thereby blocking the allergic reaction.

Before you use ASMATEN SYRUP

- When you must not use it

Do not use ASMATEN SYRUP if you have an allergy to:

- any medicine containing ketotifen
- any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.

Some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction may include shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing; swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body; rash, itching or hives on the skin.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date printed on the pack, if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering, or if the medicine does not look quite right.

If it has expired or is damaged, return it to your pharmacist for disposal.

If you are not sure whether you should start using this medicine, talk to your pharmacist or doctor.

- Before you start to use it

You should check with your doctor or pharmacist before taking ASMATEN SYRUP if:

- You have diabetes

Tell your pharmacist or doctor if you are allergic to any other medicines, foods, dyes or preservatives.

Tell your pharmacist or doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breast-feeding.

Your pharmacist or doctor can discuss with you the risks and benefits involved.

If you have not told your pharmacist or doctor about any of these things, tell him/her before you start using ASMATEN SYRUP.

- Taking other medicines

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

Some medicines and ASMATEN SYRUP may interfere with each other.

Ketotifen fumarate may potentiate the effects of sedatives, hypnotics, antihistamines and alcohol.

Your pharmacist or doctor has more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while using this medicine.

How to use ASMATEN SYRUP

- How much to use

Children (aged over 3 years)
The usual dose is 1 mg (5ml) twice a day.

Children (aged below 3 years)
The usual dose is 0.5mg (2.5ml) twice a day.

- When to use it

Take ASMATEN SYRUP as your doctor has prescribed.

- 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 capsules 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)

If you take too much ASMATEN SYRUP, tell your doctor or go to the nearest hospital as soon as possible. Take your medicine pack with you so that people can see what you have taken.

Symptoms of overdosage

- drowsiness to severe sedation
- confusion and disorientation
- tachycardia (abnormally rapid heart rate) and

hypotension (low blood pressure)

- convulsions, especially in children
- hyperexcitability in children
- coma

While you are using it

- Things you must do

If you become pregnant while taking ASMATEN SYRUP tell your doctor immediately.

If you are about to start taking any new medicine tell your doctor and pharmacist that you are taking ASMATEN SYRUP.

Tell all of the doctors, dentists, and pharmacists that are treating you that you are taking ASMATEN SYRUP.

If you get an infection while using ASMATEN SYRUP, tell your doctor.

Tell your doctor if you feel ASMATEN SYRUP is not helping your condition.

Your doctor may need to change your medicine.

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

Otherwise, your doctor may change your treatment unnecessarily.

- Things you must not do

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

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

- Things to be careful of

Be careful when driving or operating machinery until you know how ASMATEN SYRUP affects you.

During the first few days of treatment you may feel that your reactions are slower than usual. Some people can feel drowsy or dizzy. If you are affected in any way you should not drive or do anything that requires you to be alert (such as operate tools or machinery) until any problems clear up.

The effects of alcohol may be increased by ASMATEN SYRUP. Do not drink alcohol when you are taking them.

Side effects

Like all medicines, ASMATEN SYRUP can cause side effects, although not everyone gets them.

The side effects listed below have been reported:

- Sedation
- Dry mouth
- Slight dizziness
- Weight gain

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 ASMATEN SYRUP

- Storage

Keep your medicine in the bottle or pack until it is time to take them.

If you take the medicine out of the bottle or pack they will not keep well.

Keep the medicine in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C.

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

Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

Keep ASMATEN SYRUP 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 ASMATEN SYRUP or the medicines have passed their 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. Those measures will help to protect the environment.

Product description

- What it looks like

A clear liquid.

- Ingredients

Active ingredient:

Each 5ml ASMATEN SYRUP contains Ketotifen Fumorate equivalent to Ketotifen 1mg

Inactive ingredients:

- Liquid glucose
- Sosweet
- Citric acid
- Pineapple flavouring
- Methyl paraben
- Propyl paraben
- Propylene glycol
- Sodium saccharin

- MAL number

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