

PRICOLAX SUPPOSITORIES

Bisacodyl (5mg, 10mg)

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What *Pricolax* is used for

For the treatment of constipation, before or after operation evacuation or evacuation before radiology.

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*.
- have a blocked bowel (intestinal obstruction).
- have inflammation of the bowel.
- undiagnosed abdominal symptoms
- a small tear in the rectum
- ulcerated hemorrhoids.

- 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.

- Taking other medicines

Do not use products with potassium or magnesium salts or phosphate in people with kidney dysfunction.

How to use *Pricolax*

- How much to use

Adults: 10mg when necessary.
 Children: 5 – 10mg when necessary.
 Before giving a laxative to children under 6 years, the doctor should be consulted.
 To be inserted into the rectum or back passage.
 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.
 Do not take any new medicines without consulting your doctor or pharmacist.
 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 and for children.

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. It sometimes causes irritation and repeated use may cause inflammation of the rectum and anus. 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 npra.moh.gov.my (Public → Reporting Medicinal Problems / Side Effects / AEFI / Vaccine Safety).

Storage and Disposal of *Pricolax*

- Storage

Store in a cool, dry place, 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

White colour suppositories.

- Ingredients

- Active ingredient: bisacodyl.
- Inactive ingredient: subanal EF-37.

- MAL numbers:

5mg : MAL19970975XZ
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Manufacturer and Product Registration Holder

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