

MELGESIC CAPSULE

Mefenamic acid (250mg)

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What Melgesic capsule is used for

It is indicated for the relief of moderate pain when therapy will not exceed one week. It is also indicated for the treatment of monthly period pains.

How Melgesic capsule works

Melgesic capsule contains a substance called mefenamic acid. It belongs to a group of medicines called nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). These medicines reduce pain, inflammation and fever.

Before you use Melgesic capsule

- When you must not use it

Do not take Melgesic capsule if you:

- are allergic to mefenamic acid or other ingredients of Melgesic capsule.
- are suffering from ulceration or inflammation of the stomach and intestinal.
- have a history of allergic reactions (swollen eyes or mouth, difficulty breathing, rashes) to similar painkillers such as aspirin, ibuprofen or other NSAIDs.
- Do not take Melgesic Capsule if you are pregnant, trying to get pregnant or think you may be pregnant.
- Do not take Melgesic Capsule if you are breast-feeding. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

- Before you start to use it

Check with doctor or pharmacist:

- if you had diarrhoea with this medicine in the past.
- if you suffer from any abnormality of the blood.
- if there is asthma or wheezing attacks.
- if there is any liver or kidney problems.
- if suffering from fits.
- if drinks alcohol.
- if you have or have had ulceration, bleeding and perforation of the stomach and intestinal.

- 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. Some medicines when taken with Melgesic capsule may interfere with each other. These include:
Anticoagulants (medicines for thinning the blood to prevent blood clots eg. warfarin and heparin).

How to use Melgesic capsule

- How much to use

Melgesic capsule is not recommended to be used in children less than 14 years old. Adults and children over 14 years old – 500mg initially, followed by 250mg every 6 hours if needed.
Period pains – 500mg three times a day, and should not be more than 7 days.
Take Melgesic capsule with meals.
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

You should check with your doctor or pharmacist. It is recommended that mefenamic acid should not be used for more than 7 days at a time.

- 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. Taking too many Melgesic capsule may cause fit.

While you are using it

- 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 Melgesic capsule.

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

- Things you must not do

Do not stop taking the medicine unless advised by your doctor.

Do not take any new medicines without consulting your doctor.

Do not give Melgesic capsule to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

- Things to be careful of

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

Side effects

Like all medicines, Melgesic capsule 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 such as stomach and intestinal irritation, stomach and intestinal ulceration, bleeding and perforation., headache, drowsiness, dizziness, nausea or vomiting, visual disturbances, skin rash, itchiness, nervousness and diarrhea, dyspepsia (discomfort at the epigastric region due to digestion problem).

Some side effects may be serious and requires immediate medical attention. This usually happens in long term use and is not a problem for short or periodic use. Inform your doctor immediately if you observe the symptoms below:

- chest pains
- black and sticky feces

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 Melgesic capsule

- Storage

Store in cool, dry place below 30°C.

Protect from light. Keep out of reach of children.

- Disposal

Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required.

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

Light blue opaque /Ivory opaque capsules.

- Ingredients

- Active ingredient: mefenamic acid
- Inactive ingredients: cornstarch, polyvinylpyrrolidone, cornstarch (binder), avicel pH101, magnesium stearate and dioctyl sodium sulfosuccinate.

- MAL number:

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