

AXCEL CETIRIZINE TABLETS

Consumer Medication Information Leaflet (RiMUP)

Cetirizine Dihydrochloride (10mg)

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WHAT AXCEL CETIRIZINE TABLETS IS USED FOR

Axcel Cetirizine Tablets is used for symptomatic treatment. It can be used to treat:

- Seasonal rhinitis (inflammation of the nasal airways).
- Perennial allergic rhinitis (occurs year-round).
- Urticaria (a raised, itchy rash that appears on the skin) of allergic origin.

HOW AXCEL CETIRIZINE TABLETS WORKS

Cetirizine is an antihistamine. It works by competitive binding to the peripheral H1 receptors.

BEFORE YOU USE AXCEL CETIRIZINE TABLETS

When you must not use it

Do not take Axcel Cetirizine Tablets if:

- If you are having hypersensitivity to any of its ingredients.
- If you are on first 3 month of pregnancy or if you are breastfeeding.
- If it is not prescribed by a qualified doctor or pharmacist for you.

Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor if:

- If you are allergic to any medicines, food and dyes.

- If you are taking any other medicines (including those not prescribed by your doctor).
- If you are pregnant or nursing baby

Taking other medicines

You should tell your doctor if you are taking the following medicine as it may interact with your Axcel Cetirizine Tablets:

- Sedatives.
- Alcohol or other Central Nervous System (CNS) depressants.

HOW TO USE AXCEL CETIRIZINE TABLETS

How much to use

Adults and children 12 years and above: 10mg once daily.

Children 6 to 11 years: 5mg twice daily or 10mg once daily.

Children 3 to 6 years: 2.5mg twice daily or 5mg once daily

In patients with kidney insufficiency, dosage should be reduced to half the daily dose.

Tablets: 1 tablet = 10mg, ½ tablet = 5mg.

When to use it

Your doctor will decide when it is appropriate for you to use Axcel Cetirizine Tablets according to the type of condition you have.

How long to use it

Continue taking Axcel Cetirizine Tablets for as long as doctor recommends.

If you forget to use it

Consult your 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)

- Restlessness, irritability and drowsiness may occur.
- Treatment should be symptomatic or supportive.

It is advisable for you to contact and inform your doctor if you did take Axcel Cetirizine Tablets too much.

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 Axcel Cetirizine Tablets.
- 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 Axcel Cetirizine Tablets to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

Things to be careful of

- Caution should be taken while taking Axcel Cetirizine Tablets during pregnancy and nursing baby.
- Caution should be taken in activities requiring mental alertness such as driving or operating potentially dangerous machinery.
- Not recommended for patients below 2 years old.

SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines, Axcel Cetirizine Tablets can cause side effects although not everybody gets them. You are advised to consult doctor/pharmacist for further information. The following common side effects have been reported:

- Headache.
- Dizziness.

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- Drowsiness.
- Agitation.
- Dry mouth.
- Gastrointestinal discomfort.
- Symptom of hypersensitivity.

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).

MANUFACTURER AND PRODUCT REGISTRATION HOLDER

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STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF AXCEL CETIRIZINE TABLETS

Storage

Keep Axcel Cetirizine Tablets out of reach of children.

Store below 30°C. Keep container well closed and protect from light.

Disposal

Do not use Axcel Cetirizine Tablets after the expiry date which is stated on the carton.

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

Axcel Cetirizine Tablets is white, 10mm oblong shaped tablet.

Ingredients

Active Ingredient:

Cetirizine Dihydrochloride

Inactive Ingredients:

Lactose, Corn starch, PVP K30, Sodium Starch Glycolate, Magnesium Stearate and Isopropyl alcohol.

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