

BEAPEN VK GRANULES

Phenoxyethylpenicillin potassium (125mg / 5ml)

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What Beapen VK Granules is used for

Beapen VK Granules belongs to group of medicines called penicillin. Beapen VK Granules is used to treat infections in different parts of the body caused by bacteria.

How Beapen VK Granules works

It works by killing the bacteria that are causing the infection. Beapen VK Granules caused by viruses such as colds or the flu. Your doctor however, may have prescribed it for another purpose. Ask your doctor (or pharmacist) if you have any questions about why Beapen VK Granules has been prescribed for you.

Before you use Beapen VK Granules

- When you must not take it

Do not take Beapen VK Granules if you are allergic to:

- Beapen VK Granules
- other penicillins
- 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; nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

You may have an increased chance of being allergic to Beapen VK Granules if you are allergic to cephalosporin.

Do not take Beapen VK Granules if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

Do not take it if the expiry date printed on the pack has passed. If you take this medicine after the expiry date has passed, it may not work as well.

If you are not sure whether you should start taking Beapen VK Granules, contact your doctor.

- Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor if:

- you have any allergies to any other medicines or any other foods, preservatives or dyes
- you have or have ever had any other health problems/medical conditions, including:
 - kidney or liver problems
 - syphilis (sexually transmitted disease)
- you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant. Beapen VK Granules may be used during pregnancy. However, your doctor will discuss with you the risks and benefits of taking Beapen VK Granules during pregnancy.
- you are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. Beapen VK Granules can pass to your baby from breast milk.

If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell him/her before you start Beapen VK Granules.

- Taking other medicines

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

Some medicines and Beapen VK Granules may interfere with each other. These include:

- antibiotics such as chloramphenicol, erythromycins, sulphonamides or tetracyclines.
- methotrexate (for rheumatoid arthritis)
- probenecid (for gout or high uric acid)
- oral contraceptive or birth controlling pills. (You are advised to use an alternative or additional method of contraception)

Your doctor and pharmacist have more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while taking Beapen VK Granules.

How to use Beapen VK Granules

Follow all directions given to you by your pharmacist or doctor carefully. They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet.

If you do not understand the directions on your prescription bottle, ask your pharmacist, nurse, or doctor to explain the instructions to you.

- How much to take

For adults:

Antibacterial (for bacterial infection): 250mg-750mg every 6 hours.

Erysipelas (acute bacterial skin infection): 500mg every 6 hours

Gingivitis (inflammation of gum): 500mg every 6 hours

Pasteurella infections (bacterial infection due to animals bite) and rat bite fever (infection due to rat bite): 500mg every 6 hours for 10-14 days

Prevention from rheumatic fever (fever marked with inflammation of joints): 125-250mg twice daily

Adults prescribing limit:
Up to 7.2g daily

For children:
Antibacterial (treat bacterial infection):
6-12 years old: 250mg
1-5 years old: 125mg
Up to 1 year old: 62.5mg
To be administered every 6 hours

Lyme disease (bacterial infection due to ticks bite): 5-12.5mg/kg body weight 4 times daily for 3-4 weeks. Duration of treatment is based on clinical response.

- When to take it

Take at regular intervals. Complete the prescribed course unless otherwise directed.

Take on an empty stomach.

- How long to use it

As directed by your doctor or pharmacists.

- If you forget to take it

If you are taking the medication regularly, take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and take the medicine at your next regularly scheduled time. Do not take extra medicine to make up the missed dose.

- If you take too much (overdose)

Seek emergency medical attention if you think you have used too much of this medicine.

While you are using it

- Things you must do

Talk to your pharmacist or doctor if your symptoms do not improve.

Your pharmacist or doctor will assess your condition and decide if you should continue to take the medicine or not.

- Things you must not do

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

Do not take more than the recommended dose unless your pharmacist or doctor tells you.

- Things to be careful of

Be careful if you drive, operate machinery or do anything that requires you to be awake and alert.

Side effects

False- positive test results with copper sulphate tests and false-positive results may occur during therapy with any penicillin in Coomb test. Physiology /laboratory test values may be increased.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are using Beapen VK Granules. It helps most people with infections, but it may have some unwanted side effects in a few people.

All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical attention if you get some of the side effects.

The following side effects are common:

- diarrhea
- nausea

The following side effects have been reported:

- headache
- oral candidiasis (sore with white patches in mouth and/or tongue)
- vaginal candidiasis (vaginal itching and discharge)

The following side effects occasionally occur:

- allergic reactions or anaphylaxis (fast and irregular breathing, puffiness and swelling around face, shortness of breath, sudden severe decrease in blood pressure)
- exfoliative dermatitis (red scaly skin)
- serum sickness-like reactions (skin rash, joint pain, and fever)
- skin rash
- hives
- itching

The following side effects are rare:

- interstitial nephritis (fever, possible decreased urine output, skin rash)
- leukopenia (low white blood cells) and neutropenia (low neutrophils) (sore throat and fever)
- pseudomembranous colitis and clostridium difficile colitis (severe abdominal or stomach cramps and pain, abdominal tenderness, watery and severe diarrhea which may be bloody, fever) which may occur during therapy or up to several weeks after discontinuation of medicine.
- seizures (more likely to occur in individuals taking high doses of the medicine or with severe kidney impairment)

The above list includes very serious side effects. You may need urgent medical attention or hospitalization. These side effects are very rare. Other side effects not listed above may also occur in some people.

Do not be alarmed by the listed side effects. You may not experience any of them. Ask your doctor or pharmacist to answer any questions that you may have.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835549, or visiting the website npra.moh.gov.my (Public → Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)).

Storage and Disposal of Beapen VK Granules

- Storage

Mix with water before taking. Shake well before each dose. Discard 7 days after reconstitution.

Keep the medicines in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 30°C. Protect from light. Keep it where children cannot reach it.

- Disposal

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines that are no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

Product description

- What it looks like

An almost white powder when reconstituted forms a red fruity flavoured, homogenous suspension.

- Ingredients:

– Active Ingredients:

- Phenoxymethylpenicillin potassium

– Inactive Ingredients:

- Aerosil 200
- Icing sugar
- Lactose monohydrate 200 mesh
- Ponceau 4R
- Strawberry flavor
- Saccharin Sodium

- MAL number:

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Manufacturer

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