

# DECO EXPECTORANT

Guaiphenesin/Tripolidine hydrochloride/Pseudoephedrine hydrochloride (100mg/1.25mg/30mg per 5ml)

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This leaflet answers some common questions about DECO EXPECTORANT. It does not contain all the available information. It does not take the place of talking to your pharmacist or doctor.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your pharmacist or doctor has weighed the risks of you taking DECO EXPECTORANT against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

**If you have any concerns about taking this medicine, ask your pharmacist or doctor.**

**Keep this leaflet with the medicine.**

You may need to read it again.

## What DECO EXPECTORANT is used for

DECO EXPECTORANT is indicated for the symptomatic relief of upper respiratory tract disorders accompanied by productive cough.

## How DECO EXPECTORANT works

DECO EXPECTORANT contains guaiphenesin, tripolidine HCL and pseudoephedrine HCL as active ingredients.

**Guaiphenesin** is an expectorant and works by thinning the mucus in the air passages to make it easier to cough up the mucus and clear the airways.

**Tripolidine hydrochloride** is an antihistamine which helps to reduce allergic symptoms by preventing the effects of a substance called histamine, which is produced in the body during an allergic reaction.

**Pseudoephedrine hydrochloride** is a decongestant that works by reducing swelling of the blood vessels inside your nose. This helps to open up your nasal airway, making breathing easier.

## Before you use DECO EXPECTORANT

### When you must not use it

### Do not take DECO EXPECTORANT if:

- You are allergic to guaiphenesin or tripolidine HCL or pseudoephedrine HCL or to any of the components in this preparation.
- You have severe high blood pressure
- You have severe coronary heart disease
- You are on monoamine oxidase inhibitor therapy (antidepressant)

DECO EXPECTORANT should not be used in newborn or premature infants and to treat lower airway symptoms such as asthma.

## Before you start to use it

### *Pregnancy and breast feeding:*

Talk to your doctor before taking this medicine if you are pregnant, might become pregnant or are breast-feeding.

Tell your doctor if you have or have had any of the following medical conditions:

- high blood pressure
- heart disease
- diabetes
- overactive thyroid gland
- increased intraocular pressure (pressure inside the eye)
- enlargement of prostate
- severe liver or kidney impairment
- persistent or chronic cough
- asthma
- emphysema (damages to the air sacs (alveoli) in lungs)
- cough accompanied by excessive secretions

## Taking other medicines

### **Tell your doctor if you are undergoing the following therapy:**

- monoamine oxidase inhibitor
- antibacterial agent furazolidone
- decongestant agent
- tricyclic antidepressants
- appetite suppressant
- amphetamine-like psychostimulant (speed up the functions of the brain)
- antihypertensive agent (for high blood pressure) such as bretylium, bethanidine, guanethidine, debrisoquine, methyl dopa, alpha-and beta-adrenergic blocking agents.

Tell your pharmacist or doctor if you are taking any other products (such as over the counter products, prescribed medicines and herbal products).

**How to use DECO EXPECTORANT**

How much to use

3 times a day with the following dosage:

Adults and children above 12 years:  
10ml

Children 6 – 12 years:  
5ml

Children 2-5 years:  
2.5ml

To be used with caution and on doctor's or pharmacist's advice in children 2 to 6 years of age.

Not to be used in children less than 2 years.

When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

How long to use it

Depends on individual. Consult your doctor for the exact duration of this medicine.

If you forget to use it

If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to take the medicine and skip the missed dose. If you forget to take the dose at the right time, use it as soon as you remember, then carry on as before. Do not double the dose to catch up.

If you take too much (overdose)

Immediately telephone your doctor for advice or go to Accident and Emergency at the nearest hospital, if you think that you or anyone else may have taken too much DECO EXPECTORANT.

Taking too much syrup may cause:

- drowsiness
- lethargy
- dizziness
- ataxia (lack of muscle coordination)
- weakness
- hypotonicity (having less than normal tone or tension)
- respiratory depression (a decrease in the ability to exhale and inhale)
- dryness of the skin and mucous membranes
- tachycardia (fast heart rate)
- hypertension (high blood pressure)
- hyperpyrexia (abnormal high fever)
- hyperactivity
- irritability
- convulsions
- difficulty with micturition (urination or discharge of urine from bladder)

**While you are using DECO EXPECTORANT**

Things you must do

Take your medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.

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

If you are about to start taking on any other new medicine, medicines obtained without prescription and herbal medicines, tell your doctor or pharmacist that you are using DECO EXPECTORANT.

Things you must not do

Do not take DECO EXPECTORANT to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.

Things to be careful of

DECO EXPECTORANT may cause drowsiness and impair performance in test of auditory vigilance (sense of hearing). If affected, do not drive or operate machinery.

Avoid alcohol or other centrally acting sedatives.

**Side effects**

Like all medicines, DECO EXPECTORANT can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Possible side effects:

- Central nervous system (CNS) depression or excitation
- drowsiness
- sleep disturbance
- hallucination
- skin rashes
- tachycardia (an abnormally rapid heart rate)
- dryness of mouth, nose and throat
- urinary retention

If any side effect becomes severe, or you notice any side effect not listed here, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

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](http://portal.bpfk.gov.my) (Consumers → Reporting)

**Storage and disposal of DECO EXPECTORANT**

Storage

Store below 30°C.  
Keep container well closed.  
Protect from strong light.  
Keep out of reach of children.

Disposal

Dispose the medicine after the expiry date.

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

DECO EXPECTORANT is a clear brown syrup liquid with sour plum flavor and odour. It is available in 90ml amber plastic bottle.

Ingredients

Active ingredients:  
Guaiphenesin 100mg/5ml  
Triprolidine HCL 1.25mg/5ml  
Pseudoephedrine HCL 30mg/5ml

Inactive ingredients:  
Methyl paraben, sodium citrate, glycerin, liquid glucose, sour plum flavor, citric acid anhydrous, liquid caramel, sodium benzoate, sodium saccharin, sucrose & purified water.

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**Manufacturer and Product Registration Holder**

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