

SENSITAMINE TABLET

Chlorpheniramine Maleate (4mg)

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What Sensitamine Tablet is used for

- Symptomatic treatment of perennial (occurs year-round) and seasonal allergic rhinitis, vasomotor rhinitis (refers to a condition in which the nose is stuffy or runny for reasons other than allergies or infections) and allergic conjunctivitis due to inhaled allergens and foods.
- Symptomatic treatment of pruritus (is a sensation that causes the desire or reflex to scratch) associated with allergic reactions and of mild, uncomplicated allergic skin manifestation of urticaria (is a kind of skin rash notable for pale red, raised, itchy bumps) and angioedema (is swelling that is similar to hives, but the swelling is under the skin instead of on the surface) and in dermatographism (is a skin disorder characterized by the skin becoming raised and inflamed (hive-like) when stroked or rubbed with a dull object).
- May be used in combination with a decongestant (Pseudoephedrine) for the temporary relief of nasal and sinus congestion associated with the common cold and allergic rhinitis.

How Sensitamine Tablet works

Chlorpheniramine works by preventing the actions of histamine. Histamine is a substance produced by the body as part of its defence mechanisms. Chlorpheniramine works by blocking histamine H1 receptors. This in turn prevents the release of other allergy chemicals and provides relief from the typical symptoms of allergies.

Before you use Sensitamine Tablet

When you must not use it

Sensitamine Tablet should not be taken:

- in newborn and premature infants.
- if you are breastfeeding.
- if you are on a medicine known as monoamine oxidase inhibitor (MAOI).

Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor if you have the following medical problems:

- Bladder neck obstruction (urinary disorders).
- Symptomatic prostatic hypertrophy (enlarged prostate).
- Urinary retention.
- Glaucoma (increased pressure in the eye).
- Sensitivity to chlorpheniramine maleate.
- Pregnant, planning to become pregnant, breast feeding.
- Antihistamines may increase the sedative effect of alcohol.
- Paediatrics: Use is not recommended in newborn and premature infants because this age group has an increased susceptibility to anticholinergic side effects, such as central nervous system (CNS) excitation, and an increased tendency towards convulsion.

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-Elderly: Dizziness, sedation, confusion and hypotension (low blood pressure) may be more likely to occur in elderly patients taking antihistamines.

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Elderly patients are especially susceptible to the anticholinergic side effects, such as dryness of mouth and urinary retention (especially in males), of the antihistamines.

If these side effects occur and continue or more severe, medication should probably be discontinued.

-Dental: Prolonged use of antihistamines may decrease or inhibit salivary flow, thus contributing to the development of caries, periodontal disease, oral candidiasis and discomfort.

Taking other medicines

- Alcohol and CNS (Central Nervous System) depression – producing medications – may potentiate the CNS depressant effects.
- Anticholinergics or other medication with anticholinergic activity (including maprotiline and tricyclic antidepressant) – anticholinergic effects may be potentiated.
- Ototoxic medications – symptoms of ototoxicity (having a toxic effect on the ear) such as tinnitus (noise or ringing in the ears), dizziness or vertigo may be masked.

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- Photosensitizing medications (agents that may increase sensitivity to ultraviolet exposure) - concurrent use with antihistamine may cause additive photosensitising effects.
- Phenytoin – chlorpheniramine inhibits phenytoin metabolism and can lead to phenytoin toxicity.

How to use Sensitamine Tablet

How much to use

Usual adult dose – Oral, 4 mg every four to six hours as needed.

Usual adult prescribing limit – Up to 24 mg daily.

Usual paediatric dose – Children up to 6 years of age: use is not recommended.

Children 6 years to 12 years: Oral, 2 mg, three or four times a day as needed; not to exceed 12 mg per day.

When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

How long to use it

Continue taking Sensitamine Tablet for as long as your doctor recommends.

If you forget to use it

Take the missed dose as soon as possible as you remember it. However if it is almost for the next dose ,skip the missed dose and continue your regular schedule. Do not take a double dose to make up for a missed one.

If you use too much (overdose)

Taking too many tablets may cause the following:

- Dryness of mouth, nose or throat
- Flushing or redness of face
- Shortness of breath

Get medical help as soon as possible if any of the above symptoms is observed.

While you are using it

Things you must do

Follow doctors advice.

This drug may cause drowsiness and dulling of mental alertness. Until the extent of this effect is known, caution should be taken when driving, operating machinery, or performing other tasks requiring mental alertness.

You should be abstained from alcohol and other drugs which cause drowsiness.

Things you must not do

Do not stop taking without consulting doctor first.

Do not give your medicine to whom experiencing the same symptoms as you.

Things to be careful of

All antihistamines given in effective dosage, may cause dizziness or drowsiness. In consequence, until the effect of treatment is known, you should be warned not to take charge of vehicles or machinery.

Side Effects

Nausea, epigastric pain, and rarely vomiting, diarrhea,constipation; Blurred vision or changes in vision, confusion and dizziness are less common,dryness of mouth, nose or throat, ringing or buzzing in the ears and skin rash.

Visit your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you experience any side effects even if they are not listed here, after taking this medicine.

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 Sensitamine Tablet

Storage

Store below 30°C.Protect from light & moisture and KEEP ALL MEDICINES OUT OF REACH 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

Pink, round shaped, flat-faced, uncoated tablet.

Ingredients:

Active Ingredient
Chlorpheniramine maleate

Inactive ingredients
Corn starch, Color-Ponceu 4R,Lactose and Magnesium stearate.

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