

DEXCHLORAMINE SYRUP

Dexchlorpheniramine maleate (2mg/5ml)

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What Dexchloramine is used for

For treatment of long term and seasonal allergic rhinitis (inflammation of the mucous membrane inside the nose), allergic conjunctivitis (inflammation or redness of the lining of the white part of the eye and inner eyelid) and allergic skin reactions (a raised, itchy rash on the skin) and angioedema (swelling of the deeper layers of the skin).

How Dexchloramine works

Dexchloramine contains an antihistamine, dexchlorpheniramine maleate. Histamine is a chemical released in the body during an allergic reaction which causes itching and inflammation. Dexchloramine blocks the effects of histamine.

Before you use Dexchloramine

- When you must not use it
 - Do not take Dexchloramine if you are allergic to its active ingredient or to any other ingredients in it.
 - Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

Pregnancy and lactation

Do not take Dexchloramine if you are pregnant, trying to get pregnant or think you may be pregnant.

Do not take Dexchloramine if you are breast-feeding. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

- Before you start to use it

Inform your doctor or pharmacist if you have any of the following:

- glaucoma (a condition in which there is a build-up of fluid in the eye)
- acute asthma
- kidney function impairment
- high blood pressure
- overactive thyroid gland
- diabetes mellitus

- 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 may interact with dexchlorpheniramine. Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines:

- barbiturates (sedatives)
- tricyclic antidepressants
- narcotic analgesics (pain killer)
- atropine
- monoamine oxidase inhibitors (antidepressants)

How to use Dexchloramine

- How much to use

Adults and children over 12 years:

1 teaspoonful every 6 – 8 hours.

Children 6 – 12 years old: ½ - 1 teaspoonful every 6 – 8 hours.

Children 2 – 5 years old: ½ teaspoonful every 6 – 8 hours.

Follow all directions given 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

Continue taking Dexchloramine for as long as your 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)

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. Symptoms include severe drowsiness, unsteadiness, hallucinations, seizures and respiratory depression (condition when ventilation is insufficient to maintain adequate gas exchange in the lungs)

While you are using Dexchloramine

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

- Things to be careful of

This medicine may affect your ability to drive or use machines as it may cause drowsiness. Do not drive or use machines that could be dangerous. Avoid alcoholic beverages.

Side effects

Like all medicines, Dexchloramine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. Visit the doctor or pharmacist immediately if you experience any side effects after taking this medicine.

The following side effects have been reported: Drowsiness, dryness of mouth, nose and throat, gastrointestinal disturbances, and skin rash may occur.

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 Dexchloramine

- Storage

Store in a cool dry place below 30°C.

Protect from light.

Keep out of reach and sight 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

Red coloured and strawberry flavoured syrup.

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Dexchlorpheniramine maleate (2mg/5ml)

- Ingredients

- Active ingredient: dexchlorpheniramine maleate.
- Inactive ingredients: liquid glucose, glycerin, methyl parabens, propyl parabens, strawberry flavor, raspberry red, syrup simplex and purified water.

- MAL number:

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Manufacturer and Product Registration

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