

# AVOZINE 5MG TABLET

Levocetirizine dihydrochloride 5mg

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**What Avozine is used for:**

The name of your medicine is Avozine 5 mg Tablet (called 'Avozine' in this leaflet). Avozine contains a medicine called Levocetirizine dihydrochloride.

Avozine is an anti-allergic medication, used for treatment of signs of illness (symptoms) associated with allergic condition such as:

- allergic rhinitis (including persistent allergic rhinitis);
- nettle rash (urticaria).

**How Avozine works:**

AVOZINE is a prescription medicine. It acts by blocking the Histamine H1 receptor site and this prevents the allergic reactions.

**Before you use Avozine****When you must not use it:**

Do not take this medicine and tell your doctor if:

- You are under the age of 12
- You have a severe impairment of kidney function
- You are allergic (hypersensitive) to Levocetirizine or any of the other ingredients of Avozine

**Before you start to use it:**

Check with your doctor or pharmacist before taking this medicine :

- If you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant.
- If you are breast feeding. You should choose to bottle feed your baby or not take Avozine.
- If you have kidney problems.
- If you intend to drive or operate heavy machineries

**Taking other medicines:**

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. AVOZINE and certain other medicines may interact with each other. Especially tell your doctor if you are taking any alcoholic drinks.

**How to use Avozine****How much to use?:**

The usual dose given by your doctor is one tablet daily. But this may be varies depending on your conditions.

Hence, always take Avozine as directed by your doctor. Your doctor may change your dose if needed.

**When to use it?:**

AVOZINE can be taken anytime, with or without food.

**How long to use it?:**

The time period for taking Avozine depends on your doctor's instruction. Hence, follow your doctor's instruction.

**If you forget to use it:**

If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If it is close to your next dose, do not take the missed dose. Just take the next dose at your regular time.

**If you take too much (overdose):**

If you took too much Avozine, call your doctor or Poison Control Center, or go to the nearest hospital emergency room right away.

**While you are using Avozine****Things you must do:**

- Swallow the tablets whole with a glass of water
- Take your dose at same time of the day
- Never take more doses instructed by your doctor.
- Keep taking Avozine even if you feel better until the treatment is finished, or your doctor stopped the treatment.

If you experience any side effects, or have any further questions on the use of this product, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

**Things you must not do:**

Do not stop your medication without consulting your doctor.

**Things to be careful of:**

- If you have kidney problems, the dose will be lowered. You may have more frequent tests to see how your kidney is working.
- Pregnancy and breast-feeding: ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine if you think you might be or if you are pregnant or if you are breastfeeding.

**Side effects**

Like all medicines, Avozine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them:

- Common side effects, from mild to moderate, such as dry mouth, headache, dizziness, feeling weak, drowsy and tired.
- Exhaustion and abdominal pain may occur, but this is uncommon.
- Other side effects such as shortness of breath, pruritus (itchiness), rash, oedema, urticaria (swelling, redness and itchiness of the skin), skin eruption, increased appetite and weight increase.
- Hypersensitivity reaction symptoms may include: swelling of the mouth, tongue, face and/or throat, breathing or swallowing difficulties together with hives (angioedema), sudden fall in blood pressure leading to collapse or shock, which may be fatal.
- At the first signs of a hypersensitivity reaction, stop taking Avozine and see your doctor immediately.

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 [npra.moh.gov.my](http://npra.moh.gov.my) (Public → Reporting Medicinal Problems / Side Effects / AEFI)

**Storage and disposal of Avozine****Storage:**

- Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

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- Do not use Avozine after the expiry date refers to the last day on the carton. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.
- Store in the original pack in a cool, dry place at or below 30<sup>0</sup>C.
- Do not use Avozine if the tablets are chipped or there are other visible signs of deterioration.

## 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?:

The tablet is a white to off-white, biconvex ellipse film coated tablet; imprinted with “486” on one side and ‘NK’ on the other side.

## Ingredients in AVOZINE

Active ingredients: Levocetirizine dihydrochloride

Inactive ingredients:

Microcrystalline cellulose, lactose monohydrate, Colloidal Silicon Dioxide, Polyvinyl Polypyrrolidone, Polyvinyl Pyrrolidone, Magnesium stearate, Hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, Polyethylene Glycol, Titanium Dioxide and solvent alcohol and purified water.

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