

ARFEN SUPPOSITORY

Paracetamol (125mg, 250mg)

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What ARFEN SUPPOSITORY is used for

A suppository is a small, torpedo-shaped medicine which is inserted into the back passage (rectum).

These suppositories are used to treat pain and fever in children. They are used by children who find it difficult to take paracetamol as tablets or syrup.

Suppositories are also useful in patients who are unable to take oral forms of paracetamol (post-operatively or with nausea and vomiting).

How ARFEN SUPPOSITORY works

ARFEN suppositories contain a medicine called paracetamol. This belongs to a group of medicines with analgesic (painkiller) and anti-pyretic (reduce fever) activity.

Before you use ARFEN SUPPOSITORY

When you must not use it

Do not use ARFEN:

- If your child is allergic (hypersensitive) to paracetamol or to the other ingredients in the suppository

Before you start to use it

Before taking any of this medicine, tell the doctor:

- if your child has renal or hepatic problems

- if your child is taking other medicines which can affect their liver

Taking other medicines

Please tell the doctor or pharmacist if your child is taking or have recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription, including:

- Medicines that contain paracetamol – DO NOT give your child ARFEN at the same time
- Barbiturates (a type of sedative).
- Medicines for epilepsy or fits (also called anti-convulsants).
- Medicines such as warfarin for treating blood clots.
- Rifampicin and St. John's wort.
- Probenecid acid (for gout treatment)
- Chloramphenicol (a medicine used to treat bacterial infection)
- Cholestyramine (bile acid sequestrant)

How to use ARFEN SUPPOSITORY

How much to use

- ARFEN 125mg are for children aged from 1-5 years.
- ARFEN 250mg are for children aged from 6-12 years.
- The number of suppositories to give your child depends on their age and weight.
- The recommended dose is one or two suppositories.
- You should ask your child's doctor or pharmacist for advice on how many suppositories to give.

You can give your child up to 4 doses in 24 hours. You must leave at least 4 hours between each dose.

If you are not sure how many suppositories to give your child, don't guess. Ask your child's doctor or pharmacist for advice.

Do not give your child more suppositories than stated above.

Contact your child's doctor if the symptoms get worse or do not improve.

When to use it

Always give your child ARFEN SUPPOSITORY exactly as your doctor has instructed you. You should check

with your doctor or pharmacist if you are unsure. Always read the printed information leaflet, if possible, before beginning treatment.

How long to use it

Do not stop giving ARFEN SUPPOSITORY to your child unless your doctor tells you to.

If you forget to use it

- If you forget to give ARFEN SUPPOSITORY to your child, give it as soon as you remember.
- Do not administer 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 have given too much of this medicine. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. Your child may need urgent medical attention.
- Always take the medicine container with you, so they know what you have given your child.

While you are using it

Things you must do

- Tell your child's doctor, dentist and pharmacist that they are taking ARFEN SUPPOSITORY.

Things you must not do

- Do not stop giving your child this medicine unless advised by your doctor.
- Do not give any new medicines to your child without consulting your doctor.
- Do not give ARFEN SUPPOSITORY to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as your child.

Things to be careful of

- Do not give your child alcohol, or any other medicines containing alcohol, while they are being given suppositories

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Side effects

Like all medicines, ARFEN SUPPOSITORY can cause side effects. The following side effects can happen with this medicine:

Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)

- Redness or soreness in or around the back passage.

Rare (may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people)

- Allergic reactions such as swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat.
- Skin problems such as a rash or itching.
- Blood problems. If these happen, your child may bruise or bleed more easily, get infections more easily, or get a high temperature (fever) and ulcers in the mouth and throat.
- Liver problems (your child may need to have blood tests to check how well their liver is working).

Very rare cases of serious skin reactions have been reported.

- Cutaneous hypersensitivity reactions including skin rashes, angioedema, Stevens Johnson Syndrome/Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis have been reported.

If any of these effects worsen, or if you notice anything else that is not listed above, 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 visiting the website npra.gov.my [Consumers → Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)]

Storage and disposal of ARFEN SUPPOSITORY

Storage

- Keep medicine out of reach and sight of children.
- Store below 30°C in the original package in a dry place, protected from light.

Disposal

- Do not use after the expiry date stated on the carton and blister.

- 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

ARFEN 125mg and 250mg suppositories are creamy, smooth, homogeneous, torpedo shaped suppositories

Ingredients

- Active ingredient

ARFEN SUPPOSITORY 125mg contains 125mg of paracetamol

ARFEN SUPPOSITORY 250mg contains 250mg of paracetamol

- Inactive ingredients

ARFEN SUPPOSITORIES also contain hard fat and soya lecithin.

MAL No.

ARFEN 125MG SUPPOSITORIES

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ARFEN 250MG SUPPOSITORIES

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Product Registration Holder

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