

DAPSONE TABLET

Dapsone (100mg)

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What Dapsone Tablet is used for

It is used for:

- all types of leprosy (especially of lepromatous and tuberculoid leprosy)
- skin problems (dermatitis herpetiformis and other dermatoses)
- the prevention of malaria
- mycetoma (chronic inflammation of the tissues caused by infection with a fungus or with certain bacteria).

How Dapsone Tablet works

Dapsone Tablet belongs to a group of medicines called antibacterial. It works by stopping the production of folic acid in certain bacteria, therefore stopping them from growing.

Before you use Dapsone Tablet

-When you must not use it

Do not take Dapsone Tablet if you:

- are allergic (hypersensitive) to dapsone, any of the other ingredients in the tablet, or to similar medicines such as sulphonamide or sulphone. An allergic reaction may include a rash, itching, difficulty breathing or swelling of the face, lips, throat or tongue.
- suffer from severe anaemia (deficiency of red blood cells or of hemoglobin in the blood).
- have porphyria (a genetic or inherited disorder of the red blood pigment, haemoglobin)

- suffer from severe glucose 6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency (G6PD), this can cause episodes of anaemia after eating certain foods such as fava beans (favism).

Do not take Dapsone Tablet if any of the above applies. If you are not sure, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Dapsone Tablet.

-Before you start to use it

Your doctor needs to know before you take Dapsone Tablet if you have or have had any of the following conditions:

- heart or lung disease.
- Pregnant or lactating
- Sugar intolerance

-Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicine, including any that you buy without a prescription from a pharmacy, medical hall or any other source.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking the following: -

- probenecid (to treat gout)
- rifampicin or trimethoprim (antibiotics to treat infections)
- oral typhoid vaccine
- saquinavir (to prevent HIV/AIDS)
- chloroquine or primaquine (to treat malaria).

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicines.

How to use Dapsone Tablet

-How much to use

Follow all directions given to you 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.

Tablet should be swallowed whole with a glass of water.

The usual doses are:

Adults and children over 12 years:

Leprosy:

50 to 100mg once a day.

Dermatitis herpetiformis suppressant:

Initially 50mg daily which may be gradually increased to 300mg daily and then reduced to the lowest effective maintenance dose.

Actinomycotic mycetoma:

100mg twice a day for several months after symptoms have disappeared.

Dermatosis, subcorneal pustular:

Initially 100mg once daily, which may be gradually increased by 50mg every once to two weeks until remission occurs and then reduced to the lowest effective maintenance dose.

Granuloma annulare:

100mg once daily.

Malaria prophylaxis:

100mg once every seven days with 12.5mg pyrimethamine.

Adults prescribing limits:

Leprosy:

100mg once a day.

Dermatitis herpetiformis suppressant:

300mg once a daily

Children:

Leprosy:

1.4mg of Dapsone per kg of body weight once daily.

Dermatitis herpetiformis suppressant:

Initially 2mg per kg of body weight daily which may be gradually

increased and then reduced to the lowest effective maintenance dose.

-When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

-How long to use it

Continue taking Dapsone Tablet 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)

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 of Dapsone Tablet overdose include hypoxia, methaemoglobinaemia and haemolytic anaemia.

While you are using it

-Things you must do

Take your medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you.

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are taking Dapsone Tablet.

Tell your doctor immediately if you became 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 or pharmacist.

Do not give Dapsone Tablet to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

-Things to be careful of

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

If you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant, your doctor may prescribe you folic acid 5mg daily supplements. Dapsone Tablet can be present in breast milk. There has been a report of anaemia (deficiency of red blood cells or of hemoglobin in the blood) in an infant being breastfed by a mother taking Dapsone Tablet.

If you are concerned, check with your doctor or pharmacist. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicines.

Side Effects

Like all medicines, Dapsone Tablet can cause side effects, particularly when you first start taking it, although not everybody gets them.

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any of the following effects or any effects not listed.

Inform your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you experience any of the following side effects after taking this medicine:

- Haemolysis (rupture or destruction of red blood cells), haemolytic anaemia, and agranulocytosis (severe reduction in the number of white blood cells).
- Tachycardia (rapid heartbeat).
- Nausea and vomiting.
- Jaundice and hepatitis.
- Hypoalbuminaemia (low level of albumin in the blood).
- Headache and neuropathy peripheral (damage to the nerves outside of the brain and spinal cord).
- Insomnia and psychosis.

- Skin rashes, itchy, Steven-Johnson syndrome, exfoliative dermatitis and fixed drug eruption.
- Nephrotic syndrome and renal papillary necrosis.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by visiting the website npa.gov.my [Consumers → Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)].

Storage and Disposal of Dapsone Tablet

-Storage

Keep out of the reach and sight of children. Store below 30°C in a dry place. Protect from light.

Do not use Dapsone Tablet after the expiry date stated on the label/carton. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

-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

White, round, biconvex tablet with breakline on one side and plain on the other.

Ingredients

-Active ingredient:

Each tablet contains 100mg of Dapsone.

-Inactive ingredients:

Microcrystalline cellulose 101, corn starch, sodium lauryl sulphate, croscarmellose sodium, aerosil 200, magnesium stearate and purified water.

-MAL Number(s)

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