

UPHALEXIN GRANULES 125mg/5ml

Cephalexin (125mg/5ml)

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What Uphalexin Granules 125mg/5ml is used for

Uphalexin Granules is an antibiotic which is indicated in the treatment of the following infections due to susceptible microorganisms:

- Respiratory tract infections
- Otitis media (ear infection)
- Bone infections
- Genitourinary (urinary) tract infections, including acute prostatitis

How Uphalexin Granules 125mg/5ml works

Uphalexin Granules 125mg/5ml suspension consists of active substance Cephalexin.

Cephalexin is an antibiotic that belongs to the group of medicines called Cephalosporin. These medicines work by killing the bacteria, which cause infections.

Before you use Uphalexin Granules 125mg/5ml

– When you must not use it

Do not take Uphalexin Granules 125mg/5ml if:

- You are allergic or hypersensitive to cephalosporin. Some of the symptoms of allergic reaction may include skin rash, itchiness, shortness of breath, swelling of the face, lips or tongue.
- If it is not prescribed by a qualified doctor or pharmacist for you.

– Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor if:

- You are allergic to any medicines, food and dyes.
- You are taking any other medicines (including those not prescribed by your doctor).
- You have had an allergic reaction to penicillins. There may be an increased risk of you being allergic to Uphalexin Granules 125mg/5ml if you are allergic to penicillin.
- You are a patient with renal impairment.
- Pregnancy and lactation.
- You need to perform some urine or blood test.
- You have history of diarrhea associated with antibiotic used.

Please consult your doctor before start to use Uphalexin Granules 125mg/5ml if you are pregnant, plan to become pregnant, breast-feeding or intend to breast-feed. Your doctor will have weighed the risks of you taking Uphalexin Granules 125mg/5ml against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

– 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 when taken with Uphalexin Granules 125mg/5ml may interfere with each other. These include:

- Cephalexin.
- Oral contraceptives pills
- Probenecid, medicine for gout.
- Aminoglycosides, for infection.
- Gentamicin, an antibiotic.
- Diuretic, water pill such as frusemide.

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How to use Uphalexin Granules 125mg/5ml

How much to use

Adult: The adult dosage ranges from 1 – 4g daily in equally divided doses.

The usual adult dose: Oral, 500mg every 8 hours.

For the following infections, a dosage of 250mg every 6 hours or 500mg every 12 hours may be administered: sore throat, skin and skin structure infections and uncomplicated cystitis (urinary tract infection).

For more severe infections or those caused by less susceptible organisms, larger doses may be needed.

Children: The usual recommended daily dose is 25 – 50mg/kg in divided doses.

For sore throat in children, mild, urinary tract infections, and for skin and skin structure infections, the total daily doses may be divided and administered every 12 hours. In the therapy of otitis media, clinical studies have shown that a dosage of 75 – 100mg/kg/day in 4 divided doses is required. In the treatment of B-hemolytic streptococcal infections (Bacterial infection that causes complete destruction of red blood cells (hemolysis)), a therapeutic dose should be administered for at least 10 days

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 instruction on the label, ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.

Direction for mixing:

Shake bottle well to loosen granules. Add some water to mix with the granules first and shake, later top up to the mark and replace with cap. Shake bottle well to mix medicine properly.

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Your doctor will decide when it is appropriate for you to take Uphalexin Granules 125mg/5ml according to the type of infection you have.

– How long to use it

Continue taking Uphalexin Granules 125mg/5ml for as long as doctor recommends. Do not stop taking medication, even if you feel better after a few days, unless advised by your doctor. Your infection may not clear completely if you stop taking your medicine too soon.

– 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 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.

While you are using it

– 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 Uphalexin Granules 125mg/5ml.
- If you get severe diarrhea tell your doctor or pharmacist immediately.
- 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 Uphalexin Granules 125mg/5ml to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

– Things to be careful of

- Prolonged use may result in an overgrowth of non-susceptible organisms.
- If you are pregnant or nursing your baby.
- Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how Uphalexin Granules 125mg/5ml affects you.

Side effects

Like all medicines, Uphalexin Granules 125mg/5ml can cause side effects although not everybody gets them. You are advised to consult doctor/pharmacist for further information. The following common side effects have been reported:

- Gastrointestinal disturbances.
- Hypersensitivity reaction including skin rashes, urticaria (raised, itchy rash), eosinophilia (abnormally high amounts of eosinophils), fever, reactions resembling serum sickness (allergic reaction) and anaphylaxis (severe allergic reaction).

Uphalexin Granules 125mg/5ml may cause severe allergy and serious skin reactions. Stop using Uphalexin Granules 125mg/5ml and seek medical assistance immediately if you experience any of the following symptoms:

- skin reddening, blisters, rash, fever, sore throat or eye irritation

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that is making you feel unwell. Other side effects not listed above may also occur in some people.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835490, or visiting the website npdra.gov.my [Consumers → Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)]

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– Storage

Keep Uphalexin Granules 125mg/5ml out of reach of children.

Keep container well closed. Store at room temperature not exceeding 30°C until reconstitution. After reconstituted, refrigerate between 2°C to 8°C and use within 7 days.

– 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

– How it looks like

Uphalexin Granules 125mg/5ml is a white coloured granule which gives a beige colour suspension with fruity flavour when reconstituted.

– Ingredients

Active

Ingredient:

Cephalexin Monohydrate

Inactive Ingredients:

Refined Sugar, Sodium Dihydrogen Phosphate Anhydrous, Xanthan Gum, PVP K30 and Exotic Blend Flavour.

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