

# ADECURE SYRUP 5MG/ML

Methadone Hydrochloride (5mg/ml)

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## What Ade cure Syrup is used for

Methadone Hydrochloride is the active ingredient of Ade cure Syrup 5mg/ml. It is indicated for detoxification treatment or maintenance treatment of narcotic addiction.

## How Ade cure Syrup works?

It is a primarily a  $\mu$  opioid agonist with actions similar to morphine involving the central nervous system and organs composed of smooth muscle.

## Before you take Ade cure Syrup

### - When you must not take it

- If you have known hypersensitivity to methadone or any other ingredients of Ade cure Syrup.
- If you have suffering from respiratory depression (slow, shallow breathing), lung disease or any illness causing difficulty in breathing
- If you are suffering from ulcerative colitis (inflamed bowel disorder)
- If you have severe liver problem
- If you are taking, or have taken in the last two weeks depression medication known as Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors (MAOIs)
- If you have acute asthma attack, acute alcoholism, risk of paralytic ileus (severe constipation or bowel obstruction) or raised intracranial pressure or head injury.

### - Before you start to take it

You must tell your doctor if:

- you have allergies to any medicine which you have taken previously to treat your current condition.
- you are pregnant, trying to become pregnant or breast-feeding.
- You have asthma and/or respiratory problem.
- You have head injury and/or increased intracranial pressure
- You have anxiety problem
- You need to drive or operate machinery
- You have acute abdominal problem
- You have dependent on any other medication
- You have low blood pressure
- You are elderly or debilitated patient
- You have kidney or liver problem
- You have thyroid gland or pituitary gland problem
- You have prostate problem
- You have urethral stricture (narrowing of the urinary tract)

### - Taking other medicines

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any of these medicines:

- Taking Ade cure Syrup with a benzodiazepine (medicine used as sedatives or to treat anxiety) can depress your central nervous system. Inform your doctor if you are currently taking any benzodiazepine. Seek medical attention immediately if you or the person taking this medication experience(s) symptoms of unusual dizziness or lightheadedness, extreme sleepiness, slowed or difficult breathing, or unresponsiveness.
- Central nervous system depressant such as other narcotic analgesics, phenothiazines, tranquilizers, sedative-hypnotics, tricyclic antidepressant or alcohol.
- Pentazocine, used to treat moderate to severe pain including before surgery and anaesthesia.
- Rifampicin, used to treat infection
- Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors

- Naloxone, used to reverse the effects narcotics used during surgery or during treatment of pain.
- Naltrexone, used to treat narcotic drugs or alcohol addiction.
- Antivirals
- Narcotic antagonist, used to counteract the effects of narcotics (especially to treat respiratory depression).

Always inform your doctor and pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including herbal tonics, supplements and medicines that you buy without prescription.

## How to take Ade cure Syrup

Ade cure syrup should be administered daily under close supervision.

### - How much to use

For detoxification treatment:

The initial dose is 15 to 20mg daily.

Dosage may be adjusted by your doctor depending on your condition.

Do not take more than the recommended dose.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you are unsure of the correct dose for you. They will tell you exactly how much to take.

### - When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

### - How long to use it

Do not stop taking this medicine or change the dose without first checking with your doctor.

Your doctor may want to gradually reduce the amount before stopping completely in order to lessen the chance of possible withdrawal side effects.

### - If you FORGET TO TAKE it

- If you forget a dose, take it as soon as you remember it.
- However, if it is nearly time for the next dose, skip the missed dose.
- Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

### - If you take too much (Overdose)

Contact your doctor immediately or go to the Emergency Department of your

nearest hospital. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

### **While you are taking Ade cure Syrup**

#### **- Things you must do**

- Contact your doctor if your symptoms does not improve or worsens.
- If you do become pregnant whilst taking Ade cure Syrup, tell your doctor.

#### **- Things you must not do**

Do not give Ade cure Syrup to anyone else, even if their symptoms seem similar or they have same condition as you. Your doctor has prescribed Ade cure Syrup for you and your condition.

#### **- Things to be careful of**

- Serotonin syndrome: Ade cure Syrup may cause a rare but potentially life-threatening condition resulting from concomitant administration of serotonergic drugs. If you have some or all of these symptoms: feeling confused, feeling restless, sweating, shaking, shivering, hallucinations, sudden jerks in your muscles or a fast heartbeat, seek medical attention immediately.
- Adrenal insufficiency: Long term use of Ade cure Syrup may cause adrenal insufficiency, a potentially life-threatening condition that may be present with non-specific symptoms and signs such as nausea, vomiting, decreased appetite, fatigue, weakness, dizziness, and low blood pressure. Seek medical attention if you experience a constellation of these symptoms.
- Infertility: Long term use of Methadone Syrup may cause reduced fertility. It is not known whether these effects on fertility are reversible.
- Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how Ade cure Syrup affects you.

### **Side Effects**

Like all medicines, Ade cure Syrup can have side effects, although not everybody gets them. The following side effects may happen with this medicine:

- Most common: lightheadedness, dizziness, sedation, nausea, vomiting and sweating.
- Central nervous system: euphoria (feeling of great happiness), dysphoria (feeling unhappy), weakness, headache, insomnia, agitation, disorientation, visual disturbances, increased intracranial pressure.
- Gastrointestinal: dry mouth, loss of appetite, constipation, biliary tract spasm.
- Cardiovascular: flushing, slow heart rate, palpitations, faintness, low blood pressure
- Genito-urinary: urinary retention, reduce urine output, reduce libido and/or potency.
- Allergic: itching, urticaria, skin rash, edema and rarely hemorrhagic urticaria.

### **THE MAJOR HAZARD OF METHADONE IS RESPIRATORY DEPRESSION, CIRCULATORY DEPRESSION, RESPIRATORY SHOCK AND CARDIAC ARREST.**

If any of the side effects gets serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

Consult your doctor or pharmacist if you are in doubt or for any further information.

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.moh.gov.my](http://npra.moh.gov.my) (Consumers → Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)).

### **Storage and Disposal of Ade cure Syrup**

#### **- Storage**

Do not use after the expiry date stated on the pack. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Store below 30°C in well-closed container. Protect from light, heat and moisture.

Keep out of the 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**

A red colour liquid.

#### **- Ingredients**

- Active ingredient: Methadone Hydrochloride
- The other ingredients are sodium citrate, citric acid hydrous, sodium benzoate, sucrose, ponceau 4R and propylene glycol.

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### **Manufacturer and Product Registration Holder**

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