

ALLERSIN SYRUP 4MG/5ML / ALLERSIN-F TABLET 4MG

Chlorpheniramine Maleate Syrup 4mg/5ml Tablet 4mg/tablet

Product Description:

Syrup : A clear, green syrup with banana flavour.
Tablet : Round, yellow, convex, plain tablet with  debossed on one side.

Pharmacodynamics:

Chlorpheniramine Maleate is an antihistamine that possesses anticholinergic and sedative effects. It acts by occupying the 'receptive sites' on the effector cells to the exclusion of the agonist without initiating a response.
Chlorpheniramine is a H1 receptor antagonist. It antagonizes many of the pharmacologic actions of histamine. It prevents released histamine from dilating capillaries and causing edema of the respiratory mucosa.

Pharmacokinetics:

Chlorpheniramine is well absorbed and has a duration of action 4 to 6 hours. Its half-life in serum is 12 to 16 hours. Degradation products of chlorpheniramine metabolic transformation by the liver are almost completely excreted in 24 hours.

Indication:

It is indicated in allergic conditions responsive to antihistamines.

Recommended Dosage:

Adult
Usual dose: 4 mg every 4-6 hours as needed.
Usual adult prescribing limit: Up to 24 mg daily.

Paediatric:

Children 6-12 years: 2 mg every 4-6 hours as needed, not to exceed 12 mg daily.
Children 2-5 years: 1 mg every 4-6 hours as needed, not to exceed 6 mg daily.

Geriatric:

Usual adult dose.
Geriatric patients may be more sensitive to the effects of the usual adult dose.

Note: For children under 2 years, please refer to Warnings and Precautions.

Route of Administration:

Oral

Contraindications:

Chlorpheniramine Maleate has an atropine-like action and is contraindicated in patients with narrow-angle glaucoma, urinary retention, peptic ulcer, during an asthmatic attack and in patients receiving MAO inhibitors.

Warnings and Precautions:

Chlorpheniramine Maleate may impair mental alertness required for the performance of potentially hazardous activities such as driving a vehicle or operating machinery.
When used for treatment of cough and cold:
a) Not to be used in children less than 2 years of age.
b) To be used with caution and doctor's pharmacist's advice in children 2 to 6 years of age.

Interactions with Other Medicaments:

Chlorpheniramine Maleate interact with the anticonvulsant, phenytoin sodium enhancing its effects. Concomitant use of Chlorpheniramine Maleate with alcohol, tranquilizers and sedatives may have an additive effect.

Pregnancy and Lactation:

There are no adequate or well-controlled studies in pregnant women and this drug should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed. It should not be used during pregnancy unless the potential benefits outweigh the potential risks to the foetus.
Use during the trimester may results in reactions in newborn or premature neonates.
Use by nursing mothers is not recommended because of the risks of adverse effects the infant. Antihistamines may inhibit lactation.

Side Effects:

The most common side effect is sedation, varying from slight drowsiness to deep sleep and including inability to concentrate, lassitude, dizziness, hypotension, muscular weakness and incoordination. Other side effects include nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, or constipation, colic and epigastric pain, dryness of mouth, tightness of chest, heaviness and weakness of the hands, 'ringing' in the ears, anorexia and nightmares.

Symptoms and Treatment of Overdose:

Symptoms are as in Side Effects.
If the drug has been taken recently, the stomach should be emptied by aspiration and lavage. The patient should be kept quiet to minimise the excitation which occurs, particularly in children. Convulsions and marked central nervous system stimulation should preferably be treated with diazepam or phenobarbitone intramuscularly, paraldehyde, thiopentone sodium and chlorpromazine. Severe hypotension may require fluid replacement and assisted respiration may be necessary.

Effects on Ability to Drive and Use Machine:

As drowsiness may occur, patients taking the medication should be advised not to drive or operate machinery and to avoid alcoholic drinks.

Storage Condition: Store at or below 30°C. Protect from light.

Malaysia:

Pack sizes: Syrup: A bottle of 60ml, 100ml and 120ml.
Tablet: Blister pack : A box of 10 x 10, 50 x 10 and 100 x 10 tablets per strip.
Pack sizes (export only): Syrup: A bottle of 3.8 litres.
Tablet: Bottle pack: A bottle of 1000 tablets.

Singapore:

Pack sizes: Syrup: A bottle of 60ml, 100ml, 120ml, 3.6 litres and 3.8 litres.
Tablet: Bottle pack: A bottle of 1000 and 3000 tablets.
Blister pack: A box of 100 x 10 tablets per strip.

Shelf-life: Syrup : 3 years. Tablet : 5 years.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS DRUG CAN BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR FAMILY PHYSICIAN/ LOCAL GENERAL PRACTITIONER/ PHARMACIST.

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