

SUNTHORPHAN SYRUP

Each 5ml contains:-
Dextromethorphan HBr 15 mg

Pharmacology:

Dextromethorphan hydrobromide is a non-opioid anti-tussive with effectiveness equal to codeine. It acts in the medulla oblongata to elevate the cough threshold. Dextromethorphan does not produce analgesia or induce sedation and has no potential for addiction. At usual doses, it will not cause respiratory depression or inhibit ciliary activity.

Dextromethorphan is readily absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract and exerts its effects 15 – 30 minutes after oral administration. The duration of action is approximately 3 – 6 hours.

It is metabolised in the liver and excreted in the urine as unchanged dextromethorphan and demethylated metabolites including dextrophan, which has some cough suppressant activity.

Indications:

Dextromethorphan is a cough suppressant.

It is indicated for the symptomatic relief of cough due to minor throat and bronchial irritation as may occur with the common cold or with inhaled irritants.

Side Effects/ Adverse Reactions:

Dextromethorphan hydrobromide occasionally causes drowsiness, dizziness, excitation, mental confusion and gastrointestinal disturbances. Very high doses may produce respiratory depression.

Precautions/Warnings:

It is not recommended to be administered for persistent or chronic cough such as occurs with smoking, asthma or emphysema, or where cough is accompanied by excessive secretions except under the advice and supervision of physician.

It should be administered with caution to patients with liver disease and to asthmatic patients.

Not recommended for children below 2 years.

Use with caution and on doctor's/pharmacist's advice in children 2 to 6 years of age.

Use in Pregnancy and Lactation

Pregnant women and nursing mothers should seek the advice of a physician before using this product.

Contraindications:

Hypersensitivity to any of the ingredients.

Drug Interactions:

Hyperpyrexia, hypotension and death have been reported coincident with the coadministration of monoamine oxidase (MAO) inhibitors and products containing dextromethorphan. Thus, concomitant administration of dextromethorphan and MAO inhibitors should be avoided.

Dosage:

Oral administration.

Adults and children over 12 years : 5ml (15mg) every 4 hours or 10ml (30mg) every 6 to 8 hours. Do not exceed 40ml (120mg) per day.

Children 7 to 12 years : 2.5ml (7.5mg) every 4 hours or 5ml (15mg) every 6 to 8 hours. Do not exceed 20ml (60mg) per day.

Children 2 to 6 years : 1 to 2 ml (3mg to 6mg) every 4 hours or 2.5ml (7.5mg) every 6 to 8 hours. Do not exceed 10ml (30mg) per day.

Children under 2 years : Not recommended.

Symptoms and Treatment for Overdosage and Antidotes(s):

Symptoms include gastrointestinal disturbances, excitation, dizziness, mental confusion and possibly respiratory depression. The stomach should be emptied by aspiration and lavage together with administration of the specific antidote naloxone to reverse respiratory depression. Acidosis and electrolyte losses should be corrected. If marked excitation is present a sedative such as diazepam or a short acting barbiturates may be given.

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

Shelf-life: 3 years.

Pack Size: A bottle of 60ml, 100ml and 120ml.

Pack Size (export only): A bottle of 3.6 litres.

Description: A clear, raspberry red syrup with raspberry flavour.

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

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