

SW FOLIC ACID TABLETS

Folic Acid (5mg)

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What SW Folic Acid Tablet is used for

It is used to treat a type of anaemia (low number of red blood cells) caused by a lack of folic acid. It is also used during pregnancy to ensure the body gets enough folic acid.

How SW Folic Acid Tablet works

The active ingredient in the medicine is folic acid. It belongs to the vitamin B family. It is essential for a balanced growth and development of red blood cells.

Before you use SW Folic Acid Tablet

- When you must not use it

Do not use SW Folic Acid Tablet if you:

- are sensitive/allergic to folic acid or any other ingredients in these tablets (listed in Product Description).
- are suffering from Vitamin B12 deficiency including pernicious anaemia (low red blood cell count related to low vitamin B12 level) as Folic acid should not be taken alone or without enough vitamin B12 for these conditions.
- do not have a confirmed diagnosis for your condition.

- Before you start to use it

Pregnancy and Lactation

Please consult your doctor or pharmacist for advice if you are pregnant, planning for pregnancy, or breastfeeding before taking any medicine.

- 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.

You should talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking:-

- large amount of folic acid
- metformin (medicine to control high blood sugar)

- phenytoin (medicine to treat fits)

How to use SW Folic Acid 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.

To be taken orally.

For megaloblastic anaemia:

Adult: 2 to 4 tablets daily

Children: 1 to 3 tablets daily

For maintenance dose:

Half a tablet to 2 tablets daily.

- When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

- How long to use it

For megaloblastic anaemia: 14 days or until your condition improves to the optimal level.

Take your medicine for as long as your doctor recommends.

- 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)

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. You may need urgent medical attention. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

While you are using it

- Things you must do

- Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are taking SW Folic Acid Tablet.

- 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 SW Folic Acid Tablet to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

- Things to be careful of

Driving and using machines

Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how SW Folic Acid Tablet affects you.

Side Effects

Like all medicines, SW Folic Acid Tablet can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. A possible side effect of this medicine is an allergic sensitization reaction.

Visit your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you experience any side effects after using this medicine.

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.gov.my [Consumers→Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)].

Storage and disposal of SW Folic Acid Tablet

- Storage

Store at or below 30 °C. Protect from light.

- 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

Round, pale yellow, standard convex plain tablet with score one side.

- Ingredient(s)

- Active Ingredient

- Folic Acid

- Inactive Ingredients

- Polyvinylpyrrolidone
- Magnesium Stearate
- Isopropyl Alcohol
- Lactose
- Maize Starch

- MAL number

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Manufacturer & Product Registration

Holder

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