

# ERICIN FOR ORAL SUSPENSION

Erythromycin Ethylsuccinate (200mg per 5ml)

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## What ERICIN is used for

ERICIN is used to treat infections caused by certain bacteria such as:

- respiratory tract infections
- gastrointestinal infection
- syphilis and other sexually transmitted disease
- whooping cough
- skin and soft tissue infection

## How ERICIN works

This medicine contains erythromycin ethylsuccinate, which is an antibiotic (macrolide group). It works by killing or stopping the growth of bacteria causing the infections.

## Before you use ERICIN

### - When you must not use it

Do not take this medicine if:

- you are allergic to erythromycin, other antibiotics from macrolide group, or any other ingredients of this medicine (listed in Product Description)
- you have severe liver problem
- you are taking cisapride (medication for gastric reflux)
- you are taking ergotamine, dihydroergotamine (medication for migraine)
- you are taking pimozide (medication for mental disorder)

### - Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if:

- you have liver problems or currently taking medications that may affect the liver functions.
- you are going to take blood or urine test as Ericin may affect some of the test results.

## *Pregnancy and lactation*

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

Erythromycin is secreted into breast milk and may affect your baby. Your doctor will discuss the risk and benefits of breastfeeding while you're taking erythromycin.

### - 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 tell your doctor if you are taking the following medicine as it may interact with ERICIN:

- HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors (e.g. simvastatin)
- triazolobenzodiazepines and benzodiazepines (used as sedatives)
- theophylline (used to treat asthma and other breathing problems)
- cimetidine (used to treat acid reflux and other related conditions)
- calcium channel blockers (e.g. verapamil, amlodipine and diltiazem)
- sildenafil (used to treat erectile dysfunction)
- rifabutin (medicines used to treat different types of bacterial infections)
- methylprednisolone and other corticosteroids (used to help suppress the body's immune system)
- cilostazol (a medicine used to treat blood circulation problems)
- bromocriptine (used to treat Parkinson's disease)
- ciclosporin and tacrolimus (medicine used to prevent organ rejection in organ transplant)
- carbamazepine (used to control epilepsy)
- alfentanil (a medicine used to provide pain relief)
- digoxin, disopyramide and quinidine (for heart problem)
- oral anticoagulants (blood thinning medications)

- astemizole and terfenadine (used to treat allergy)
- vinblastine (cancer medication)

## How to use ERICIN

### - 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. Complete the prescribed medication even if you feel better.

For oral administration only.

Adult: Up to 100 ml daily in divided doses.

Children:

Your child doctor will determine the dose based on their body weight and severity of the infections.

### *Direction for mixing:*

Shake the bottle to loosen the powder. Add a little freshly boiled and cooled water and shake well. Add more water up until 60ml/100ml mark is reached and shake again.

### - When to use it

Take ERICIN as directed by your doctor or pharmacist. It can be taken after meals or on empty stomach.

### - How long to use it

Take ERICIN for the duration that the 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 or anyone else may have use too much of this medicine. Do this even if there are no

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signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention. Taking too much of this medicine may cause a more severe or increased side effects.

## While you are using it

### - Things you must do

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are using ERICIN.

Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while using this medication.

Take ERICIN only with a doctor's prescription.

### - Things you must not do

Do not stop using the medicine unless advised by your doctor.

Do not use any new medicines without consulting your doctor or pharmacist.

Do not give ERICIN 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 ERICIN affects you.

## Side effects

Like all medicines, ERICIN can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

ERICIN may cause severe allergy and serious skin reactions. Stop using ERICIN, and seek medical assistance immediately if you experience any of the following symptoms:

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

Other reported Side Effects are:

- liver problems
- pancreas or big intestinal inflammation
- hearing problem
- gastrointestinal disturbance such as

abdominal discomfort, cramp, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, heartburn, loss of appetite or black stools

- severe allergy such as breathing difficulties, lightheadedness, skin swelling
- mouth sores
- abnormal heart rhythms
- ringing in ears
- vein irritation or inflammation due to clot formation
- new bacterial infections due to prolonged use

If you notice that the child vomits and/or irritability with feeding occurs, contact doctor immediately as it may be due to Infantile Hypertropic Pyloric Stenosis (IHPS).

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

## Storage and Disposal of ERICIN

### - Storage

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Keep container well closed. Store below 30°C in a cool dry place. Protect from light and moisture. Keep in refrigerator after dilution (2°C to 8°C).

Use the medicine within 7 days after dilution. Shake well before use.

### - 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

White to pinkish powder that become pink suspension after dilution.

### - Ingredients

#### - Active ingredient

Each 5mL of the syrup contains erythromycin ethylsuccinate, equivalent to 200mg of erythromycin

#### - Inactive ingredients

Disodium hydrogen phosphate dihydrate, saccharin sodium, castor sugar, pladone, allura red, xanthan gum, aerosil, icing sugar, dimethicone 20, polysorbate 40 (tween 40) dan German orange powder.

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## Manufacturer and Product Registration Holder

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