

# APO-TRIFLUOPERAZINE 1MG & 5MG TAB

Trifluoperazine (1mg, 5mg)

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## What Apo-Trifluoperazine is used for

APO-TRIFLUOPERAZINE is a prescription medication containing the active ingredient, trifluoperazine. APO-TRIFLUOPERAZINE is indicated as a treatment for symptoms of psychotic disorders particularly to calm hyperactive or excited psychotic patients. This medication can also work as a prevention or relieve of nausea and vomiting.

## How Apo-Trifluoperazine works

APO-TRIFLUOPERAZINE is a piperazine phenothiazine derivative. It works by maintaining amounts of certain natural substances in the brain.

## Before you use Apo-Trifluoperazine

### - When you must not use it

If you are allergic to trifluoperazine or any content of this product.

### - Before you start to use it

Before taking APO-TRIFLUOPERAZINE your doctor needs to know:

- Any other medical condition that you may have including heart, liver disease, asthma, any other breathing problem, glaucoma, Parkinson Disease;
- Any known medical history, such as breast cancer, seizures, enlarged prostate or urination problems.
- Any other allergies to other similar medications
- Whether you are planning to get pregnant, are currently pregnant or are nursing an infant;

### - 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.

## How to use Apo-Trifluoperazine

### - How much to use:

#### **Anxiety (Adults):**

Recommended dose is at 1mg twice daily.

#### **Patients which require special attention(Adults under supervision):**

The recommended starting dose will range between 2 to 5 mg twice daily, increased until optimum response is achieved, and can be increased up to 40mg daily.

#### **Hospitalized patients which require special attention (Children 8-12 y/o):**

Recommended dose is 1mg once or twice daily, and may be increased according to the doctor's instruction.

#### **Control of Vomiting:**

Recommended dose is 1 to 2mg twice daily.

### - When to take it

APO-TRIFLUOPERAZINE should be taken according to the doctor's instructions or the label attached with this medication. Swallow the tablet(s) with water and without chewing.

### - How long to take it

Never increase or decrease the amount of APO-TRIFLUOPERAZINE you, or those in your care if you are a caregiver or guardian, are taking unless your doctor tells you to and do not stop taking this medication without consulting your doctor.

### - If you forget to take it

As soon as you remember, take the missed dose. Unless if it is almost time for your next scheduled dose, skip the missed dose. Do not take extra medicine to make up the missed dose.

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

Contact your doctor or nearest hospital emergency department even though you may not feel sick.

## While you are using it

### - Things you must do

Take your medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are taking Apo-Trifluoperazine.

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

- 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.

Do not give Apo-Trifluoperazine to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

- Things to be careful of

Refrain from potentially hazardous tasks, such as driving a car or operating dangerous machines, until you are certain that this medication does not affect your mental alertness or physical coordination.

Contact your physician before stopping or reducing your dosage of APO-TRIFLUOPERAZINE.

If you are pregnant and taking APO-TRIFLUOPERAZINE, you should discuss the risks and benefits of the various treatment options with your doctor. It is very important that you do NOT stop taking these medications without first consulting your doctor.

**Side effects**

You might experience some side effect such as:

- Agitation, excitement, bizarre dreams
- Parkinson's symptoms (Tremor, Salivation)
- Dry mouth, stuffy nose
- Anorexia,
- Nausea, vomiting, stomach discomfort

- Increase in appetite
- Itching or rash

Some side effects may be temporary. Consult your doctor if you experience these or other side effects, as your doctor may adjust the dosage to alleviate the symptoms.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to The National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835550, or visiting the website [npra.moh.gov.my](http://npra.moh.gov.my) (Public->Reporting Medicinal Problems/ Side Effects/ AEFI/ Vaccine Safety).

**Storage and Disposal of Apo-Trifluoperazine**

- Storage

Remember to keep APO-TRIFLUOPERAZINE and all medications safely away from children.

Do not use this medicine after the month and year written after EXP on the container.

Store APO-TRIFLUOPERAZINE at temperature below 30°C.

- Disposal

Ask your pharmacist what to do with any tablets you have left over if your doctor tells you to stop taking them, or you find that the expiry date has passed.

**Product Description**

- What it looks like?

The 1mg tablets are blue, round, biconvex, film-coated tablet, engraved 1 on one side, other side plain.

The 5mg tablets are blue, round, biconvex, film-coated tablet, engraved 5 on one side, other side plain.

- Ingredients

The 1mg tablets contain the active ingredient Trifluoperazine Hydrochloride, along with the following non-medicinal ingredients such as: Lactose Monohydrate, Starch, Microcrystalline Cellulose, Magnesium Stearate.

The 5mg tablets contain the active ingredient Trifluoperazine Hydrochloride, along with the following non-medicinal ingredients such as: Trifluoperazine Hydrochloride, Lactose Monohydrate, Croscarmellose Sodium, Microcrystalline Cellulose, Magnesium Stearate.

-MAL Numbers:

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