

DIACOBAL Capsules (Mecobalamin 500 mcg)

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What DIACOBAL is used for

DIACOBAL is used for the treatment of nerve pain, numbness, tingling, burning sensation, loss of feeling and paralysis due to diabetes-related peripheral neuropathies (damaged to peripheral nerve) such as diabetic nerve damage and polyneuritis (inflammation of multiple nerves).

How DIACOBAL works

DIACOBAL contains mecobalamin. Mecobalamin works to repair damaged nerve tissue in nerve disorder such as degeneration of nerve cells (axonal degeneration) and damaged insulating layer that forms around nerves (demyelination). Mecobalamin is also involved in red blood cells maturation, promotion of red blood cells division, and heme synthesis, thus acting to improve the status of the blood in megaloblastic anemia.

Before you use DIACOBAL

-When you must not use it

- Do not take DIACOBAL if you are hypersensitive to any component of a vitamin B12 containing product.

-Pregnancy and breastfeeding

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, please consult your doctor or healthcare professional before taking this product

-Before you start to use it

Use with caution if you have acute severe asthma.

-Taking other medicines

Inform your doctor or pharmacist before taking this medicines, including any that you get without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Consult a doctor or pharmacist if you are taking neomycin, aminosalicylic acid, histamine H₂-antagonists, and colchicines as the absorption of Vitamin B12 from the gastrointestinal tract may be reduced. Serum concentrations may be decreased by concurrent use of oral contraceptives.

How to use DIACOBAL

-How much to use

Always use DIACOBAL exactly as your doctor has prescribed. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if in doubt.

The usual dose:

Adult: Oral administration 1 capsule 3 times a day (1500mcg of Mecobalamin). The dosage should be adjusted according to age of patient and severity of symptoms.

-When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

-How long to use it

Continue taking DIACOBAL as your doctor recommended. If symptoms persist, consult your doctor.

-If you forget to use it

Consult your doctor or pharmacist on what you should do 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)

There are no reports of Vitamin B12 overdosage in the literature.

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

While you are using DIACOBAL

Things you must do

- Inform your doctor or pharmacist if symptoms persist after taking this medication.
- Take your medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.
- Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are taking DIACOBAL
- Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while taking this medication.

- Things you must not do

- Do not take more than the recommended dose unless your pharmacist or doctor tells you.
- Do not take any new medicines without consulting your doctor.
- Do not give DIACOBAL to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

-Things to be careful of

- Regular monitoring of the blood is advisable.
- Administration of doses greater than 10mcg may effect normalization of blood count patients in with folate deficiency (lack of folic acid); indiscriminate use may masks the precise diagnosis
- If your occupation requires handling of mercury or its compounds, prolonged use of larger doses of mecobalamin is not recommended.

Side effects

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

If symptoms persist, do not take the medicine and refer to the doctor.

Tell your doctor if you notice any of the following side effects or notice any other effects not listed:

- Gastrointestinal: Symptoms e.g., anorexia, nausea or diarrhea may occur infrequently.
- Dermatologist: Skin rash may occur rarely.
- Others: Headache, sweating, hot sensation and hypersensitivity to mecobalamin or any component of the capsule.

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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 DIACOBAL

Storage

Store 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

Orange opaque hard gelatin capsule of size '1' containing white to off-white pinkish powder with fine dark red crystals.

-Ingredients

-Active ingredient

Mecobalamin

-Inactive ingredients

Dibasic Calcium Phosphate Anhydrous, Microcrystalline Cellulose, Sodium Starch Glycolate, Colloidal Anhydrous Silica and Magnesium Stearate.

-MAL number

Manufactured by and Product

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