

MEGEX-I SUSPENSION® 800MG/20ML

Megestrol Acetate (800mg/20ml)

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What Megex-I Suspension is used for

Megex-I Suspension helps to increase appetite and/or to overcome loss of weight which often occurs in patients who are suffering from cancer or AIDS.

How Megex-I Suspension works

Megex-I Suspension contains the active ingredient megestrol acetate. It belongs to a group of medicines called progestogens. Megestrol acetate has a unique characteristic to boost up appetite in patients. However, the exact mechanism of how it functions remain unknown.

Before you use Megex-I Suspension

- When you must not use it

Do not take Megex-I Suspension:

- If you have known hypersensitivity to megestrol acetate or any ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- If you are pregnant or think that you may be pregnant.
- If you are breastfeeding.

If you are not sure whether you should start taking this product, consult your doctor.

- Before you start to use it

- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or intent to become pregnant. This medication must not be used during pregnancy as it may cause harm to your unborn baby. Women of child-bearing age should use an effective form of birth control while taking this medication.

- Breastfeeding is not recommended while using this product as megestrol may pass into breast milk and could have undesirable effects on nursing infant. If it is necessary for

you to take this medicine, breastfeeding should be discontinued.

Tell your doctor if you:

- have severe liver problems.
- have a history of suffering from blood clots (thrombophlebitis).
- have diabetes, as Megex-I Suspension may raise your blood sugar. Inform your doctor if you notice that your blood sugar is higher than normal.

- Taking other medicines

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription, herbal medicines or natural products.

Some medications might cause complications when taken together with Megex-I Suspension, for example:

- Hepatic enzyme-inducing drugs (e.g. Carbamazepine, Phenobarbital, Phenytoin, Rifabutin, Rifampin).
- Indinavir (used to treat HIV).

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

How to use Megex-I Suspension

Take Megex-I Suspension exactly according to the instructions given to you by your doctor. Do not exceed the recommended dosage. If you are 65 or older, your doctor may start you on the lowest dose, and may monitor your kidney function. Your doctor will decide on the correct dose for your condition. If you are unsure, check with your doctor.

- How much to use

Anorexia or weight loss:

400 - 800 mg given as a single daily dose. Shake the suspension container well before using. Can be taken directly from the pouch. A plastic dosage cup with 10 ml markings is provided for convenience.

- When and how to use it

- Take Megex-I Suspension at about the same time each day. It will also help you to remember when to take the medication.

- How long to use it

- It usually takes two months of continuous treatment to see if Megex-I Suspension is effective. Continue with Megex-I Suspension until your doctor tells you otherwise.

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

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 Megex-I Suspension.
- Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while taking this medicine.

- Things you must not do

- Do not stop taking Megex-I Suspension unless your doctor tells you to.
- Do not take any new medicines without consulting your doctor or pharmacist.
- Do not give Megex-I Suspension to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

- Things to be careful of

Driving and using machines

Megex-I Suspension does not usually affect your ability to drive.

Side effects

Like all medicines, Megex-I Suspension can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Some side effects could be serious. Tell your doctor if you notice any of the following symptoms:

- Weight gain
- Vomiting, nausea
- Shortness of breath
- Hot flushes, reddening of the face and neck
- High blood pressure
- Increased blood sugar levels
- Constipation, diarrhoea, flatulence
- Frequent urination
- Skin rash
- Poor vision, confusion, convulsion
- Mood changes

Visit your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you experience any side effects after taking 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 nptra.gov.my [Consumers → Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)].

Storage and Disposal of Megex-I Suspension

- Storage

Store below 30°C in a tight container, protect from heat and light.

Keep out of the reach of children.

- Disposal

The expiry date of Megex-I Suspension is printed on the carton and sachet. Do not use if after expiry date.

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. If your doctor tells you to stop taking Megex-I Suspension or the expiry date has passed, 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

Megex-I Suspension is a white to cream coloured suspension with orange fragrant and taste.

- Ingredients

- Active ingredient
Megestrol Acetate

- Inactive ingredients
Xanthan gum, polyethylene glycol 1450, polyoxyl 40 hydrogenated castor oil, citric acid anhydrous, sodium citrate hydrate,

sucrose, sodium benzoate, orange essence and purified water.

- Packing

Megex-I Suspension is filled in 20ml PET/LLDPE-Alu sachets, packed in a box of 20 sachets.

- MAL Number

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