

ACTIHIST EXPECTORANT

VIACT10-0 (MY)

DESCRIPTION

Orange, transparent liquid with fresh mint flavour.

COMPOSITION

Each 5 ml contains:

Tripolidine Hydrochloride	1.25 mg
Pseudoephedrine Hydrochloride	30.00 mg
Guaiphenesin	100.00 mg

ACTIONS AND PHARMACOLOGY

Pseudoephedrine is a sympathomimetic agent. It acts on alpha-adrenergic receptors in the mucosa of the respiratory tract, producing vasoconstriction.

Tripolidine is an antihistamine. It is an antagonist of the H-1 receptor effects of histamine. It acts by competing with histamine for H-1 receptor sites on effector cells. It diminishes or abolishes most of the actions of histamine mediated by the H-1 receptors. The action of histamine most readily affected is that on the involuntary muscle of the intestine, bladder, uterus and bronchioles.

Guaiphenesin is said to reduce the viscosity of tenacious sputum.

This medication is well absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract, is metabolised in the liver and undergoes renal excretion.

INDICATIONS

This medication is used to relieve irritating unproductive cough, congestion of the upper respiratory tract associated with common cold and to aid the clearance of mucous from the lower respiratory tract.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

This medication should not be given to premature infants or neonates, patients undergoing anaesthesia with cyclopropane, halothane or other halogenated anaesthetics and patients with hyperthyroidism, cardiovascular disease or acute attacks of asthma. It should not be used concurrently with monoamine oxidase inhibitors.

PRECAUTIONS

- This medication should be used with caution in hypersensitive patients and in geriatrics. It should be carefully considered when the following medical problems exist: diabetes mellitus, closed-angle glaucoma, hypertension, peptic ulcer and renal function impairment.
- Caution in patients with hyperthyroidism and prostatic enlargement.
- Safety for use in pregnancy and lactation has not been established.
- Not to be used in children less than 2 years of age.
- To be used with caution and doctor's advice in children 2 to 6 years of age.

MAIN SIDE/ADVERSE EFFECTS

Drowsiness, insomnia, urinary retention, nausea, vomiting and allergic reactions.

DRUG INTERACTIONS

Concurrent use with the following drugs is not recommended:

Beta-adrenergic blocking agents, digitalis glycosides, guanethidine, methyl dopa, alcohol, CNS depressants, tricyclic antidepressants, antimuscarinics and ototoxic medications.

OVERDOSAGE

Clinical features

Headache, nausea, vomiting, dryness of the mouth, tachycardia, respiratory depression, coma.

Treatment for overdose

Emesis or gastric lavage, followed by activated charcoal, with supportive and symptomatic measures if necessary.

Adrenaline and physostigmine are contraindicated.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Adults : Oral, 10 ml three times a day as needed.

Paediatrics : 2 to 6 years of age : Oral, 2.5 ml three times a day.
6 to 12 years of age : Oral, 5 ml three times a day.

Note : Geriatric patients may be more sensitive to the effects of the usual adult dose.
This medication may be taken with food, water or milk to minimize stomach irritation.

The information given here is limited. For further information, consult your doctor or pharmacist.

Storage : Store below 30°C. Protect from light.

Presentation/Packing : Syrup x 60ml, 100ml, 120ml, 3.6L
(Not all presentation are available locally)

Product Registration Holder /

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