

hovid-Megestrol Oral Suspension 40mg/ml

Megestrol Acetate, USP (40 mg)

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What hovid-Megestrol Oral Suspension 40mg/ml is used for
hovid-Megestrol Oral Suspension 40mg/ml is indicated for the treatment of significant weight loss or intense fear of weight gain in both men and women.

How hovid-Megestrol Oral Suspension 40mg/ml works
Hovid-Megestrol Oral Suspension 40mg/ml reduce significant weight loss by enhancing appetite.

Before you use hovid-Megestrol Oral Suspension 40mg/ml

- When you must not use it

Do not take this medicine if you:

- Allergic to megestrol acetate or any component of the formulation
- Are pregnant or may be pregnant
- Wish to take this medicine to prevent anticipated weight loss, but you are not having weight loss yet.

- Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor if you:

- have diabetes, as megestrol acetate can increase your blood sugar levels
- have intolerance to some sugars

- Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines.

How to use hovid-Megestrol Oral Suspension 40mg/ml

- How much to use

The recommended adult initial dosage of hovid-Megestrol Oral Suspension 40mg/ml is 400mg to 800 mg per day (10 ml to 20 ml per day).

- How to take it

Shake container well before using. A 20ml plastic dosage cup with markings on every 2.5ml is provided for convenience.

- When to take it

Take hovid-Megestrol Oral Suspension 40mg/ml with or without food.

- How long to take it

Continue to take hovid-Megestrol Oral Suspension 40mg/ml as directed by your doctor.

- If you forget to use it

If you miss a dose, do not worry. If you remember within a few hours of the missed dose take it as soon as possible, but if it is almost time for your next dose then skip the forgotten one and continue as before. Do not take a double dose to make up for the one you missed.

- If you use too much (overdose)

It is advisable for you to contact your doctor immediately or go to the Emergency Department of your nearest hospital if you did take hovid-Megestrol Oral Suspension 40mg/ml too much.

While you are using it

- Things you must do

Tell your doctor:

- If you have poor blood glucose control
- If you become pregnant while using this medication

Use this medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.

- Things you must not do

Do not stop taking this medicine or lower the dose without consulting your doctor.

- Things to be careful of

Diabetes

Consumption of megestrol may exacerbate diabetes, resulting in increased insulin requirement. Kindly consult for your doctor if you are taking hovid-Megestrol Oral Suspension 40mg/ml and insulin at the same time.

Hormonal Effect

Long term use of megestrol acetate may cause Cushing's syndrome (high level of cortisol hormone in the body). Besides, adrenal insufficiency (hormonal disorder that occurs when the adrenal glands do not produce enough of certain hormone) may occur if you are taking megestrol for long term or being withdrawn from megestrol after long term use. Therefore, you should tell your doctor if you are having nausea, vomiting, dizziness, or weakness.

Pregnancy

Megestrol acetate may cause harm to the unborn baby if you are pregnant. If megestrol is given to a woman who is pregnant with a male baby, it may cause the male baby to be born with abnormalities of the fertility. Take effective measures of contraception if you are a woman capable of pregnancy.

Lactation

It is advisable for the mother to stop nursing if she is taking hovid-Megestrol Oral Suspension 40mg/ml.

Side effects

These side effects might occur when taking hovid-Megestrol Oral Suspension 40mg/ml:

- **Body as a Whole:** abdominal pain, chest pain, infection, yeast infection on mouth and throat
- **Cardiovascular System (heart):** cardiomyopathy (reduced effectiveness of heart to pump blood), fast heartbeat

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- **Stomach and intestinal tract:** constipation, dry mouth, increased salivation
- **Blood system:** Reduction in white blood cell
- **Metabolism:** swelling (mainly in the ankles)
- **Nervous System:** numbness, confusion, seizure, low mood, tingling nerve pain, abnormal thinking
- **Respiratory System:** shortness of breath, cough
- **Skin and Appendages:** hair loss, itchiness, rash, sweating
- **Special Senses:** impaired vision
- **Urogenital System:** uncontrolled urination, enlargement in breast size

Each ml of hovid-Megestrol Oral Suspension 40mg/ml consists of 40mg of megestrol acetate.

- Inactive ingredients
Citric Acid Anhydrous, Colloidal Silicon Dioxide, Glycerin, Polyoxyl Castor Oil, Polysorbate, Purified Water, Saccharin Sodium, Simethicone, Sodium Benzoate, Banana Essence, Sorbitol

- MAL Number:
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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 hovid-Megestrol Oral Suspension 40mg/ml

- Storage

Store hovid-Megestrol Oral Suspension 40mg/ml below 30°C. Keep out of reach of children.

- Disposal

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

Product description

- What it looks like

hovid-Megestrol Oral Suspension 40mg/ml is a white to light yellow suspension. hovid-Megestrol Oral Suspension 40mg/ml is packed in a 120mL HDPE plastic bottle with 20ml polypropylene measuring cup.

- Ingredients

- Active ingredient