

# CUCHEL 250

Trientine Hydrochloride Capsules USP 250m

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## What Cuchel is used for

Cuchel is indicated in the treatment of patients with Wilson's disease who are intolerant of penicillamine. Wilson's disease is an inherited metabolic defect which result in excess copper accumulation.

## How Cuchel works

Cuchel contains trientine hydrochloride, a chelating compound used for removal of excess copper from the body.

Cuchel reduces copper levels in the body by attaching to copper in the body which allows it to be removed in the urine. Cuchel also attach to copper in the gut to reduce the amount taken up into the body.

## Before you use Cuchel

### When you must not use it

Do not take Cuchel if you have hypersensitivity to the trientine or any other components of Cuchel.

### Before you start use it

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Cuchel if you have

- Kidney problems
- Liver problems
- Taking another medicine that contain zinc

Your symptoms may initially get worse after starting the treatments. If this happens, inform your doctor immediately.

Your doctor will regularly check your blood and urine to ensure that you receive the right dose of Cuchel to properly control your symptoms and copper levels.

## Pregnancy

Do not take Cuchel if you are pregnant, trying to get pregnant or think you may be pregnant. Trientine hydrochloride was teratogenic in rats at doses similar to the human dose. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women.

Cuchel should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

### Breastfeeding

It is not known whether trientine hydrochloride is excreted in human milk. Inform your doctor if you are breastfeeding or plan to do so. Your doctor will decide whether to stop breastfeeding or to stop taking Cuchel.

### Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you buy from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop without a prescription.

Cuchel should not be administered with

- Mineral supplements
- Calcium and magnesium antacids

You may need to take Cuchel at a different time of the day if you take these medications.

## How to use Cuchel

### How much to use

If you are already taking another trientine medication, your doctor may modify your daily dose when switching to treatment with Cuchel

Suggested dose:

- a. Pediatric:  
Initial dose: 500 – 750 mg/day. May be increased to a maximum of 1500mg/day
- b. Adult:  
Initial dose: 750 – 1250 mg/day. May be increased to a maximum of 2000mg/day

Daily dose of Cuchel should only be increased when the clinical response is inadequate, or the concentration of free serum copper is persistently above 20 mcg/dL. Optimal long-term maintenance dosage should be determined at 6 – 12 months interval.

### When to use it

Cuchel should be taken at least 1 hour before meals or 2 hours after meals and

at least 1 hour apart from any other drug, food or milk.

Swallow whole with water. Do not open or chew the capsule.

### How long to use it

Continue taking Cuchel for as long as your doctor recommends.

### 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 that are treating you that you are taking Cuchel.

Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while taking Cuchel

### Things you must not do

Do not stop taking the medicine unless advised by your doctor.

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

### Things to be careful of

Inform your doctor if your symptoms get worse after starting the treatment.

Iron deficiency:

Iron deficiency may develop especially in children and menstruating or pregnant women, or as a result of the low copper diet recommended for Wilson's disease. Your doctor may prescribe iron supplements if that happens. If you take iron supplements, make sure that at least 2 hours have

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passed between taking Cuchel and your iron supplements.

**Neurological deterioration:**

There have been reports of neurological deterioration at the start of treatment in Wilson's disease patients treated with copper chelators. Inform your doctor if you experience nervous system deterioration such as lack of co-ordination, slurred speech, muscle stiffness or worsening of muscle spasms.

**Lupus-like reactions:**

In patients who were previously treated with Penicillamine, lupus-like reactions (rash, fever, joint pain and tiredness) have been reported during subsequent treatment with trientine, however it is not possible to determine if there is a causal relationship with trientine.

**Side effects**

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

Inform your doctor if you get any side effects. The dose of your trientine may need to be adjusted up or down.

Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people): Nausea

Uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people): Skin rashes, itching, tremor, involuntary muscle movement

Not known (frequency cannot be estimated from available data): Stomach upset, stomach discomfort, abdominal pain, recurring diarrhea, blood in stools, iron deficiency anemia, rash or hives, lupus-like syndrome, neurological deterioration, muscle rigidity, motor speech disorder

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](http://npra.gov.my) [Consumers → Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)].

**Storage and Disposal of Cuchel 250****Storage**

Store at 2°C - 8°C. Keep container tightly closed.

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Do not store any medicine in the bathroom, or near a sink, or on a windowsill.

Do not leave it in the car especially on hot days. Heat and dampness can destroy medicines.

Do not use your medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the pack after 'EXP'. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

**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****Cuchel 250mg**

Capsule with light brown opaque body imprinted with "250" and light brown opaque cap imprinted with "TRN" in black ink

**Ingredients****Active ingredient**

- Each capsule contains 250 mg Trientine Hydrochloride

**Inactive ingredients**

- Stearic Acid, Size "1" empty hard gelatin capsules with light Brown opaque body imprinted with "250" and light Brown opaque cap imprinted with "TRN" in black ink.

**Nature and Contents of Container**

100 Capsules of Trientine hydrochloride Capsules USP 250 mg are packed with 120CC HDPE containers of 38mm neck sealed with 38mm CR closure with induction sealing wad. Such container is packed with pre-printed carton along with instructions for use.

**MAL number:**

MAL25086002AZ

**Manufacturer**

MSN Laboratories Private Limited

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**Product Registration Holder**

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