

Zirtek[®]

ALLERGY RELIEF For Children

cetirizine hydrochloride

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR MEDICINE

Please read this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine. It provides a summary of the information currently available on Zirtek[®] Allergy Relief For Children. For further information or advice ask your doctor or pharmacist.



WHAT IS ZIRTEK[®] ALLERGY RELIEF FOR CHILDREN

Each pack contains 70 ml of a banana flavoured, sugar free oral solution; each ml containing 1 mg of cetirizine hydrochloride as the active ingredient. This medicine also contains sorbitol (E420), glycerol (E422), propylene glycol, saccharin sodium, methyl hydroxybenzoate (E218), propyl hydroxybenzoate (E216), banana flavouring, sodium acetate (E262), acetic acid (E260) and purified water.

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WHEN IS ZIRTEK[®] ALLERGY RELIEF FOR CHILDREN USED

Your medicine belongs to the antihistamine group of drugs.

This medicine treats adults & children aged 6 years and over: suffering from hay fever (seasonal allergic rhinitis), year round allergies such as dust or pet allergies (perennial allergic rhinitis) and urticaria (swelling, redness and itchiness of the skin).

Antihistamines like Zirtek[®] Allergy Relief For Children relieve the unpleasant symptoms and discomfort associated with the above conditions, such as sneezing, irritated, runny and blocked up nose, itchy, red and watering eyes and skin rashes.

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BEFORE TAKING ZIRTEK® ALLERGY RELIEF FOR CHILDREN

If you are pregnant or if your doctor has told you that you have kidney problems, you should consult your doctor before taking this medicine. You should not take this medicine if you are breastfeeding or if you have ever had an allergic reaction to any of its constituents (see 'What is in Zirtek® Allergy Relief For Children').

Your medicine contains methylhydroxybenzoate (E218) and propylhydroxybenzoate (E216) which may cause allergic reactions (possibly delayed) and glycerol (E422) which may cause headache, stomach upset and diarrhoea. If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking Zirtek® Allergy Relief For Children.

As with all antihistamines, you should avoid excessive alcohol consumption when taking this medicine.

If you have ever had a reaction to an antihistamine in the past consult your doctor or pharmacist before taking this solution.



HOW TO TAKE YOUR MEDICINE

Adults, and children aged 6 years and over: Two 5 ml spoonfuls once a day or one 5 ml spoonful in the morning and another 5 ml spoonful in the evening.

You may feel drowsy or dizzy, taking half your dose twice a day may reduce this. If you accidentally take more than the recommended dose consult your doctor immediately.

This solution should not be given to children under 6 years of age.

REMEMBER... If you forget to take a dose, you should take one as soon as you remember, but wait at least 24 hours before taking the next dose.

DO NOT EXCEED THE STATED DOSE

If symptoms persist consult your doctor or pharmacist.



AFTER TAKING ZIRTEK® ALLERGY RELIEF FOR CHILDREN

This medicine does not cause side-effects in most people. However, as with all medicines, some people can react differently. If you:

- have frequent headaches
- have an upset stomach
- become agitated
- have diarrhoea
- get a dry mouth
- feel weak and/or unwell
- experience unusual touch sensation
- experience fatigue, dizziness or drowsiness
- experience itchiness and skin rash

Stop taking the solution and tell your doctor.

Other rare side effects have been reported such as bleeding and bruising easily, rapid heart beat, difficulty focussing, blurred vision, swelling, allergic reaction/shock, changes in liver function, fits, confusion, depression, aggression, weight increase, unusual limb movements, experience a bad taste in the mouth, fainting, hallucination, insomnia, bed wetting, pain and/or difficulty passing water, red and/or blotchy skin rash.

If you notice anything unusual or have these or any other unexpected effects **stop taking the solution and tell your doctor.**

This solution does not normally cause drowsiness. However, individuals can react differently to treatment. If you are affected you should not drive or operate machinery, but should persist with the solution as any drowsiness doesn't usually last very long.



STORING YOUR MEDICINE.

Keep this medicine out of reach and sight of children.

Store the solution below 30°C

Do not use after the expiry date shown under Exp on the end panel of the carton.

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