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Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine
- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist
- This medicine has been prescribed for you. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours
- If any of the side effects gets serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist

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What Merbentyl Syrup is and what it is used for
Merbentyl Syrup contains a medicine called dicycloverine hydrochloride. This belongs to a group of medicines called antispasmodics.

What Merbentyl Syrup is used for:
• Cramps
• Pain in the stomach or intestine (gut)
• Stomach or intestine (gut) problems - such as irritable bowel.

How Merbentyl Syrup works
Merbentyl Syrup works by relaxing the muscles in your stomach and gut (intestine). It stops sudden muscle contractions (spasms). In doing this, it relieves cramps, pain, bloating, wind and discomfort.

Before you take Merbentyl Syrup

Do not take Merbentyl Syrup if:
- You are allergic (hypersensitive) to dicycloverine hydrochloride or any of the other ingredients in Merbentyl Syrup (see Section 6: Further information)
- Signs of an allergic reaction include: a rash, swelling or breathing problems, swelling of your lips, face, throat or tongue.
- The person being given this medicine is under 6 months of age

Take special care with Merbentyl Syrup

Check with your doctor or pharmacist before taking your medicine if:
- You have glaucoma (signs include painful eyes with blurred vision)
- You have an enlarged prostate
- You have indigestion or heart burn caused by a 'hiatus hernia' (where part of your stomach pushes through the diaphragm)

If you are not sure if any of the above apply to you, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Merbentyl Syrup.

Taking other medicines

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines. This includes medicines you buy without a prescription, including herbal medicines.

Merbentyl Syrup should not be taken at the same time as other medicines. This is because Merbentyl Syrup can affect the way other medicines work. Also some medicines can affect the way Merbentyl Syrup works.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking this medicine if:
- You are pregnant, might become pregnant, or think you may be pregnant
- You are breast-feeding or planning to breast-feed

Driving and using machines

You may feel dizzy, tired or sleepy or have blurred eyesight whilst taking Merbentyl Syrup. If this happens, do not drive or use any tools or machines.

Important information about some of the ingredients of Merbentyl Syrup
- If you have been told by your doctor that you cannot tolerate or digest some sugars, talk to your doctor before taking this medicine
- Merbentyl Syrup contains 3.97g per 5ml dose of a mixture of glucose, fructose and sucrose. This should be taken into account in patients with diabetes mellitus. Merbentyl Syrup may be harmful to the teeth
- This medicinal product contains small amounts of ethanol (alcohol), less than 100mg per 5ml dose

How to take Merbentyl Syrup

Taking this medicine
- Take this medicine by mouth
- This medicine may be diluted. If this is done, take the syrup immediately after dilution
How much to take
The usual dose is:

**Adults**
- One to two 5ml spoonfuls (10-20mg) three times each day
- Take the syrup before or after meals

**Children aged 2 to 12 years**
- One 5ml spoonful (10mg) three times each day
- Take the syrup before or after meals

**Children aged 6 months to 2 years**
- Half to one 5ml spoonful (5-10mg) three or four times each day
- Give 15 minutes before feeds
- Do not give more than four 5ml spoonfuls (40mg) in a 24 hour period

If you take more Merbentyl Syrup than you should
Talk to your doctor or go to a hospital straight away. Remember to take any medicine that is left with you so the doctor knows what you have taken. The following effects may happen: headache, feeling dizzy, feeling sick, dry mouth or difficulty in swallowing, blurred eyesight and hot dry skin.

If you forget to take Merbentyl Syrup
If you forget a dose, take it as soon as you remember it. However, if it is nearly time for the next dose, skip the missed dose.

If you stop taking Merbentyl Syrup
Keep taking Merbentyl Syrup until your doctor tells you to stop. Do not stop taking Merbentyl Syrup just because you feel better. If you stop, your cramps or pain may come back.

4. Possible side effects
Like all medicines, Merbentyl Syrup can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Stop taking Merbentyl Syrup and see a doctor or go to a hospital straight away if:
- You have an allergic reaction. The signs may include: a rash, swelling or breathing problems, swelling of your lips, face, throat or tongue

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if any of the following side effects get serious or last longer than a few days. Also tell them if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet:
- Dry mouth or thirst
- Feeling dizzy
- Feeling tired or sleepy
- Blurred eyesight
- Rash
- Loss of appetite (anorexia)
- Feeling sick (nausea) or being sick (vomiting)
- Constipation
- Headache
- Difficulty or pain on passing water (urine)

5. How to store Merbentyl Syrup
Keep this medicine in a safe place where children cannot see or reach it.

Do not use Merbentyl Syrup after the expiry date which is stated on bottle label or carton after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not store above 25°C. Keep your medicine in the amber glass bottle as supplied. Do not store it in any other containers.

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.

6. Further Information
What Merbentyl Syrup contains
- Each 5ml of syrup contains 10mg of the active substance, dicycloverine hydrochloride
- The other ingredients are: invert syrup medium, citric acid monohydrate (E211), sodium benzoate, raspberry flavour, wild cherry bark flavour, blackcurrant essence, vanilla essence and purified water

What Merbentyl Syrup looks like and contents of the pack
Merbentyl® Syrup is a colourless liquid with a raspberry flavour. Supplied in 120ml or 500ml amber glass bottles. Not all pack sizes may be marketed

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This leaflet does not contain all the information about your medicine. If you have any questions or are not sure about anything, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

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