



## **Package leaflet: Information for the patient**

### **MOVICOL®-Half 6.9g powder for oral solution**

Macrogol 3350, Sodium Chloride, Sodium Bicarbonate, Potassium Chloride

**Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.**

Always take this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor, pharmacist or nurse has told you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.
- You must talk to a doctor if you do not feel better or if you feel worse.

#### **What is in this leaflet:**

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#### **1. What Movicol-Half is and what it is used for**

The name of this medicine is Movicol-Half 6.9g powder for oral solution. It is a laxative for the treatment of constipation in adults, adolescents and the elderly. It is not recommended for children below 12 years of age.

Movicol-Half helps you to have a comfortable bowel movement even if you have been constipated for a long time. Movicol-Half also works in very bad constipation called faecal impaction.

#### **2. What you need to know before you take Movicol-Half**

##### **Do not take Movicol-Half if your doctor has told you that you have:**

- a blockage in your intestine (gut obstruction, ileus)
- a perforated gut wall
- severe inflammatory bowel disease like ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease or toxic megacolon
- an allergy to any of the ingredients of Movicol-Half (listed in section 6).

#### **Warnings and precautions**

When taking Movicol-Half you should continue to take plenty of fluids. The fluid content of Movicol-Half should not replace your regular liquid intake.



### **Heart conditions**

Follow the special instructions in section 3 if you are taking Movicol-Half for faecal impaction

### **Other medicines and Movicol-Half**

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

Some medicines, e.g. anti-epileptics, may not work as effectively during use with Movicol-Half. You should not take other medicines orally one hour before, during and one hour after taking Movicol-Half.

If you need to thicken fluids in order to swallow them safely, Movicol-Half may counteract the effect of the thickener.

### **Pregnancy and breast feeding**

Movicol-Half can be taken during pregnancy and whilst breast feeding. If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your pharmacist or doctor for advice before taking this medicine.

### **Driving and using machines**

Movicol-Half does not usually affect your ability to drive or use machines.

### **Movicol-Half contains sodium**

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you need 6 or more sachets daily for a prolonged period, especially if you have been advised to follow a low salt (sodium) diet.

Movicol-Half contains 93.4 mg (4.062 mmol) sodium (main component of cooking/table salt) per sachet. This is equivalent to 4.6% of the recommended maximum daily dietary intake of sodium for an adult.

## **3. How to take Movicol-Half**

This medicine can be taken at any time of day with or without food.

Dissolve the content of each sachet in 62.5ml (¼ glass) of water and drink.

### **Chronic Constipation:**

A dose of Movicol-Half is 2 sachets. Each sachet is dissolved in 62.5ml (¼ glass) of water. Take 1–3 times a day depending on the severity.

### **Faecal impaction:**

Before you take Movicol-Half for faecal impaction, it should be confirmed that you have this condition.

A dose of 16 sachets a day of Movicol-Half is needed for the treatment of faecal impaction.

Each sachet dissolved in 62.5ml (¼ glass) of water. The 16 sachets should be taken within 6 hours for up to 3 days if required.



If you have a heart condition do not take more than 4 sachets in any one hour. Movicol 13.7g powder for oral solution is a more convenient product to use for treating faecal impaction.

**How to mix**

Open the sachet and pour the contents into a glass. Add ¼ glass (about 62.5ml) of water to the glass. Stir well until all the powder has dissolved and the Movicol-Half solution is clear or slightly hazy, then drink it. If you like you can add a flavour such as orange squash to the drink.

For use in faecal impaction the correct number of sachets can be reconstituted in advance and kept covered and refrigerated for up to 6 hours. For example 16 sachets can be made up into one litre of water.

**Duration of treatment:**

**Chronic Constipation:**

Treatment with Movicol-Half usually lasts for about 2 weeks. If your constipation is caused by an illness such as Parkinson's disease or multiple sclerosis (MS), or if you take medicines that cause constipation your doctor may recommend that you take Movicol-Half for longer than 2 weeks. If you need to take Movicol-Half for longer, please see your doctor.

Usually for long term treatment the dose can be lowered to either 2 or 4 sachets a day.

**Faecal impaction:**

Treatment with Movicol-Half can be for up to 3 days.

**If you take more Movicol-Half than you should:**

You may develop diarrhoea. Stop taking Movicol-Half until it clears, and then start again at a lower dose. If you are worried contact your doctor or pharmacist.

**If you forget to take Movicol-Half:**

Take the dose as soon as you remember to take it.

**4. Possible side effects**

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

Tell your doctor immediately and stop taking Movicol-Half if you:

Get a serious allergic reaction which causes difficulty in breathing, or swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat.

Other side effects include:

Allergic reactions which may cause a skin rash, itching, reddening of the skin or a nettle rash, swollen hands, feet or ankles, headaches and high and low levels of potassium in the blood.



Sometimes you may have indigestion, stomach ache or rumbles. You may also feel bloated, suffer from wind, feel sick or vomit, may also experience soreness of the anus (bottom) and may have mild diarrhoea when starting to take Movicol-Half. These side effects generally get better if you reduce the amount of Movicol-Half you take.

If any of the above are troublesome or last more than a few days or if you notice any side effects not mentioned in this leaflet, please inform your doctor or pharmacist.

### **Reporting of side effects**

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via Yellow Card Scheme Website: [www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard) or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

## **5. How to store Movicol-Half**

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use Movicol-Half after the expiry date which is stated on the sachet and carton.

The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

This medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.

Once you have made up Movicol-Half in water, if you cannot drink it straight away keep it covered and in the fridge (2°C – 8°C). Throw away any solution not used within a 6 hour period.

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.

## **6. Contents of pack and other Information**

What Movicol-Half contains

Each 6.9g sachet of Movicol-Half contains the following:

Macrogol 3350	6.563 g
Sodium Chloride	0.1754 g
Sodium Bicarbonate	0.0893 g
Potassium Chloride	0.0233 g

When it is made into a drink with 62.5 millilitres of water, each sachet gives the equivalent of:

Sodium	65 millimoles/litre
Chloride	53 millimoles/litre



Potassium	5.4 millimoles/litre
Bicarbonate	17 millimoles/litre

Movicol-Half also contains lime and lemon flavour, and acesulfame potassium as a sweetener.

**What Movicol-Half looks like and contents of the pack**

Movicol-Half is available in rectangular sachets and tubular (stick-pack) sachets.

Movicol-Half is a white powder.

Movicol-Half is available in boxes of 8, 20, 30 or 100 sachets.

Not all sachets and pack sizes may be marketed.

**Marketing authorisation holder:**

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**Other sources of information**

If you need the information on this leaflet in an alternative format, such as large print, or Braille please ring 0800 198 5000.