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

- 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 only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

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What are the ingredients of Chlorpromazine Tablets and what they are for

Chlorpromazine belongs to a group of drugs known as phenothiazine, which act on the central nervous system. They are used to treat the following conditions: schizophrenia and other psychoses particularly paranoia (delusions and feelings of persecution), manic (inappropriate behaviour and hyperactivity) (plasma mood and excitability), anxiety, agitation and violent, or dangerously impulsive behaviour.

Chlorpromazine is also used for unexplained periods of nausea, feeling or being sick (when other drugs have failed), to lower body temperature and for childhood schizophrenia and autism (learning and communication difficulties).

What you need to know before you take Chlorpromazine Tablets

Do not take Chlorpromazine Tablets and tell your doctor if you:

- are allergic (hypersensitive) to Chlorpromazine, other phenothiazines (such as prochlorperazine or trimipramine) or to any of the other ingredients in the tablets (listed in section 6).
- have had an allergic reaction (including hives, rash, breathing or allergic reactions, swelling of your lips, face, throat or tongue)
- have a low number of blood cells (bone marrow depression)

Do not take this medicine if any of the above apply to you. If you are not sure, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Chlorpromazine Tablets.

Medicines and other treatments

Tell your doctor or pharmacist before you take Chlorpromazine Tablets if:

- you have ever had a stroke
- you have a history of frequent yeast infections
- you have a history of low white blood cell count
- you have ever had a prostate disorder
- you have malaria

Other important information to take into account before you take this medicine:

- if you or a member of your family have a history of blood clots (such as tumors, heart attack or unexplained heart beats), your doctor may do some tests on your heart before giving you this medicine
- if you have low blood levels of potassium, calcium and magnesium. Your doctor may do some blood tests to check these
- if you have diabetes and are taking drugs to reduce blood sugar (as Chlorpromazine tablets may reduce their effect)
- if you have a history of low white blood cell count
- if you have urination retention due to a prostate disorder.

Driving and using machines

Chlorpromazine may make it difficult for a woman to get pregnant due to it reducing her fertility.

Other medicines you may be taking may increase the risk of these problems. Ask your doctor.

Do not drink alcohol whilst taking this medicine. This is because this medicine may make you feel drowsy and drinking alcohol will make you feel even more drowsy. Drinking alcohol may also increase the serious breathing problems if you take this medicine.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Chlorpromazine Tablets with alcohol

You must not drink alcohol whilst taking this medicine. This is because this medicine may make you feel drowsy and drinking alcohol will make you feel even more drowsy. Drinking alcohol may also increase the serious breathing problems if you take this medicine.

Pregnancy or breast-feeding

Think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine. You should not use this medicine if you are pregnant or breast-feeding unless your doctor tells you its absolutely necessary. The following symptoms may occur in newborn babies of mothers that have used Chlorpromazine in the last trimester (last three months) of their pregnancy: shaking, muscle stiffness and weakness, difficulty in feeding, sleeping problems and difficulty in feeds. Your baby develops any of these symptoms you must contact your doctor.

Do not breast-feed if you are being given Chlorpromazine. This is because small amounts may pass into the mother's milk. If you are breast-feeding or planning to breast-feed talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking this medicine.

Chlorpromazine may make it difficult for a woman to get pregnant due to it reducing her fertility.

Driving and using machines

Do not drive or use tools or machines if this medicine makes you feel drowsy or if it has affected your eyesight.

Information about the excipients in Chlorpromazine Tablets

This medicine contains lactose (a type of sugar). If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, check with your doctor before taking these tablets.

This medicine contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per 25 mg, 50 mg and 100 mg tablet, that is to say essentially 'sodium free'.

How to take Chlorpromazine Tablets

Always take this medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

You will be prescribed the lowest dose needed to control your symptoms. Do not stop taking your medicine or change the dose unless your doctor tells you to. The tablets should be swallowed with a glass of water.

Dose for schizophrenia, other psychoses, anxiety and agitation

Adults: Start with 25mg three times a day (75mg at bedtime). This may be increased by 25mg every 2-4 days until a total effective dose. This is usually 75mg - 300mg daily, but some patients need up to 1000mg (3g) daily.

Elderly and infirm patients: Start with 1/2 to usual adult dose with a more gradual increase in dose.

Children
- 12 years: 1/2 to usual adult dose to a maximum daily dose of 75mg.
- 10 years: 0.5mg per kg body weight every 4-6 hours. Maximum daily dose 75mg.
- 8 years: 0.5mg per kg body weight every 4-6 hours. Maximum daily dose 40mg.
- Children under 8: Not to be used unless the need is life saving.

Dose for nausea and vomiting

Adults: 10mg-25mg every 4-6 hours.

Elderly and infirm patients: Start with 1/2 to 1-1/2 adult dose. Your doctor will then increase the dose as needed.

Children
- 12 years: 0.5mg per kg body weight every 4-6 hours. Maximum daily dose 75mg.
- 10 years: 0.5mg per kg body weight every 4-6 hours. Maximum daily dose 40mg.
- Children under 8: Not to be used unless the need is life saving.

Dose for hiccups

Adults, elderly, weak or infirm patients: 25-50mg 2-4 times a day.

Children: Not recommended in children.
If you don’t feel better

If you don’t feel the tablets are working as well after you have taken them for a short time (3-4 days), do not increase the dose; instead check with your doctor.

If you take more Chlorpromazine Tablets than you should

Talk to a doctor or go to hospital straight away. Take the medicine pack with you so the doctor knows what you have taken.

Signs of overdose may include drowsiness, low body temperature, low blood pressure, twisting your limbs, stiffness, shaking, unusual heart beats and coma.

If you forget to take Chlorpromazine Tablets

Do not take a double dose (two doses at the same time) to make up for a forgotten dose. Skip the missed dose then go on to the next dose as before.

If you stop taking Chlorpromazine tablets

Keep taking Chlorpromazine until your doctor tells you to stop. The doctor will lower your dose gradually. If you stop taking the medicine suddenly you may get withdrawal symptoms. Signs include:

- feeling or being sick and difficulty sleeping (insomnia)
- your original symptoms becoming worse
- movements that you cannot control.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Warning:

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

Tell your doctor or pharmacist or go to a hospital straight away if you have any of the following serious side effects:

- you have joint aches and pains, swollen joints, feel tired or weak with chest pain and shortness of breath. These could be signs of very serious life threatening heart problems.
- you have joint aches and pains, swollen joints, feel tired or weak with chest pain and shortness of breath. These could be signs of an illness called ‘systemis lupus erythematosus’ (SLE)
- you have yellowing of the skin or eyes (jaundice) and your urine becomes darker in colour. These could be signs of liver damage.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you have any of the following side effects:

- feeling dizzy, light headed or faint when you stand or sit up quickly (due to low blood pressure).

Not known (frequency cannot be estimated from the available data):

- you are breathing more slowly or less deeply than normal
- changes in skin or eye colour after having Chlorpromazine for a long time
- problems with oesophagus
- rigid or stiff muscles, trembling or shaking, difficult movement
- passing large amounts of urine, excessive thirst and having a dry mouth or skin. You may be more likely to get infections such as thrush. This could be due to too much sugar in your blood (hyperglycaemia)
- unusual eye movements (including rolling of the eyes)
- your neck becomes twisted to one side
- you have blood clots in the veins especially in the legs (such as swelling, pain and redness in the leg), which may travel through blood vessels to the lungs causing chest pain and difficulty in breathing. If you notice any of these symptoms seek medical advice immediately.

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 the Yellow Card Scheme at: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store.

Reporting of side effects

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Withdrawal effects:

This medicine is stopped suddenly nausea, vomiting and difficulty sleeping (insomnia). This could be due to too much sugar in your blood (hyperglycaemia)

If any of the side effects get serious, or if you notice any side effects not mentioned in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

How to stop Chlorpromazine Tablets

Do not store above 25°C. Store in a dry place, protect from light. Keep the container tightly closed. Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and blister after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month. Do not throw away 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 the pack and other information

What Chlorpromazine Tablets contain

The active ingredient (which makes the tablets work) is chlorpromazine hydrochloride. The tablets also contain lactose, maize starch, povidone, sodium starch glycollate, colloidal anhydrous silica, magnesium stearate, hypromellose, purified water, ethylcellulose, diethylphthalate and titanium dioxide (E171).

What Chlorpromazine Tablets look like and contents of the pack

The tablets are round, white, and film coated. The 25mg tablets are marked with CP225. The 50mg tablets are marked with CP235. The 100mg tablets are marked with CP230. Available pack sizes are 20, 30, 50, 60, 90, 100, 200, 300, 500 and 1,000 tablets. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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