1. WHAT PARACETAMOL ORAL SUSPENSION IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR

This medicine is available without prescription; however, you still need to give Paracetamol 250 mg/5 ml Oral Suspension carefully to get the best results from it.

Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.

Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice.

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.

In this leaflet:

5. How to store Paracetamol Oral Suspension

2. BEFORE YOU GIVE PARACETAMOL ORAL SUSPENSION TO YOUR CHILD

DO NOT give Paracetamol Oral Suspension if your child is taking any other paracetamol-containing products, other flu, cold, cough or decongestant products, or alcohol.

DO NOT give Paracetamol Oral Suspension to your child if he/she:

- is allergic (hypersensitive) to paracetamol, or any of the other ingredients of Paracetamol Oral Suspension
- has kidney or liver problems
- is allergic to alcohol
- is taking any other medicine, even those obtained without a prescription, not especially medicines which:
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  - thin the blood (e.g. warfarin)
  - control nausea and vomiting (e.g. domperidone or metoclopramide)
  - reduce levels of cholesterol and other fats in the blood (e.g. ciclosporin)
  - treat epilepsy (e.g. anti-epileptics)
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Avoid alcohol when taking this medicine.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Paracetamol Oral Suspension can be used during pregnancy. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicines during pregnancy or breast-feeding. You should use the lowest possible dose that reduces your pain and/or your fever and use it for the shortest time possible. Contact your doctor if the pain and/or fever are not reduced or if you need to take the medicine more often.

Driving and using machines

Paracetamol Oral Suspension is not expected to affect your ability to drive or operate machinery.

Important information about some of the ingredients of Paracetamol Oral Suspension

Ethanol: This medicinal product contains up to 0.15 g per 5 ml dose of ethanol (alcohol), equivalent to 3.8 ml or beer or 1.5 ml wine per 5 ml dose. Harmful for those suffering from alcoholism. To be taken into account in pregnant or breast-feeding women, children, and high-risk groups such as patients with liver disease, or epilepsy.

Liquid maltitol (E965): If your child has an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before giving this medicine.

3. HOW TO GIVE PARACETAMOL ORAL SUSPENSION TO YOUR CHILD

Check the table overleaf to see how much of the medicine to use.

For oral use only

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Do not overfill the spoon

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