



Information for the user

Paracetamol 500 mg Capsules

Read all of this leaflet carefully because it contains important information for you.

This medicine is available without prescription, however, you still need to use this product carefully to get the best results from it. Keep this leaflet as you may need to read it again. Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice.

1. What is this medicine and what is it used for?

This medicine contains:

- **paracetamol** which is a pain reliever (analgesic) and helps reduce your temperature when you have a fever.

These capsules are for the relief of mild to moderate pain including headache, migraine, toothache, nerve pain, sore throat and period pains. They are also for the symptomatic relief of sprains and strains, rheumatic pains, sciatica, lumbago, fibrositis, muscular aches and pains, joint swelling and stiffness, flu, feverishness and feverish colds.

2. Is this medicine suitable for you?

Do not take this medicine if you:

- are **allergic** to paracetamol or any of the other ingredients.

Please see your doctor or pharmacist before taking this medicine if you:

- suffer from kidney or liver problems, including alcoholic liver disease
- are alcohol dependent.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

If necessary, Paracetamol 500mg Capsules can be used during pregnancy. 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 or midwife if the pain and/or fever are not reduced or if you need to take the medicine more often.

If you are taking any of the following medicines please see your doctor:

- medicines to treat high cholesterol levels which reduce the amount of fat in the blood such as colestyramine
- medicines to control feeling sick or being sick such as metoclopramide or domperidone
- carbamazepine, a medicine used to treat epilepsy and bipolar disorder
- medicines called anti-coagulants, which are used to thin the blood such as warfarin or other coumarins - you may take occasional doses of paracetamol but should consult your doctor if you need to take it on a regular basis.
- Flucloxacillin (antibiotic), due to a serious risk of blood and fluid abnormality (high anion gap metabolic acidosis) that must have urgent treatment and which may occur particularly in case of severe renal impairment, sepsis (when bacteria and their toxins circulate in the blood leading to organ damage), malnutrition, chronic alcoholism, and if the maximum daily dose of paracetamol are used.

Do not take anything else containing paracetamol while taking this medicine.

Information about some of the ingredients in this medicine

Sodium: This medicinal product contains less than 1mmol (23mg) per 2 capsules that is to say essentially sodium-free.

3. How to take this medicine

Swallow the capsules whole with water. Do not chew.

Adults, the elderly and children over 16 years:

2 capsules to be taken every 4 to 6 hours as required. Do not take more than 4 doses (8 capsules) in any 24 hour period.

Children aged 12 to 15 years:

1 capsule to be taken every 4 to 6 hours, as required. Do not take more than 4 doses (4 capsules) in any 24 hour period.

Do not give to children under 12 years.

The dose should not be taken more frequently than every 4 hours. Do not take for more than 3 days unless instructed by your doctor.

Do not take more medicine than the label tells you to. If you do not get better, talk to your doctor.

Talk to a doctor at once if you take too much of this medicine even if you feel well. This is because too much paracetamol can cause delayed, serious liver damage. Go to your nearest hospital casualty department. Take your medicine and this leaflet with you.

4. Possible side effects

Most people do not have any side effects while taking this medicine. However, if you experience any of the following side effects, or anything else unusual happens, stop taking the medicine immediately, and see your doctor or pharmacist.

Rare side effects are:

- allergic reactions such as skin rash
- mouth sores
- fever
- difficulty breathing
- you may become more prone to bleeding, bruising, fever and infections, such as sore throat and ulcers, due to changes in your blood.
- nausea, sudden weight loss, loss of appetite and yellowing of the eyes and skin.

Very rare cases of serious skin reactions have been reported.

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 the Yellow Card Scheme at: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard.

By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store your medicine

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

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date printed on the pack.

Do not store above 25°C.

6. What is in this medicine?

Each blue / white capsule contains the active ingredient: paracetamol 500 mg.

The other ingredients are: maize starch, croscarmellose sodium, sodium laurilsulfate and magnesium stearate. The capsule shell is made of gelatin and contains the colours titanium dioxide (E171), indigo carmine (E132) and erythrosine (E127).

This product is available in pack sizes of 16 and 32 capsules.

7. Who makes this medicine?

Manufactured for The Boots Company PLC Nottingham NG2 3AA by the Marketing Authorisation holder Wrafton Laboratories Limited Braunton Devon EX33 2DL

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If you would like any further information about this medicine, please contact The Boots Company PLC Nottingham NG2 3AA

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