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Do not have this medicine and tell your doctor if:

- You have a history of a low white blood cell count
- You are taking citalopram or escitalopram
- You have increased pressure in the eye (glaucoma)
- You have allergy (hypersensitivity) to chlorpromazine or any of the other ingredients of Largactil
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- You have blood clots in the veins especially in the legs (symptoms include swelling, redness, pain and warmth)
- You have difficulty in passing water (urine)
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- You have high blood levels of potassium, calcium and magnesium. Your doctor may order blood tests to check on these
- You or someone else in your family has a history of blood clots, as medicines like Largactil can increase the risk of blood clots
- You are allergic to other phenothiazine medicines such as prochlorperazine

You are elderly (60 years of age or older)

You are elderly, particularly during very hot or very cold weather. In these conditions, you could be at risk of hyperthermia or hypothermia

You have low blood pressure or feel dizzy when you stand up

You are diabetic or have high levels of sugar in your blood (hyperglycaemia). Your doctor may monitor your blood sugar levels more closely

If you are not sure if any of the above apply to you, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before being given Largactil.

You have a long lasting, painful erection of the penis

You have a very fast, uneven or forceful heartbeat (palpitations). You may also have shortness of breath. These could be signs of an illness called ‘systemic lupus erythematosus’

You have breathlessness when you stand up

You have difficulty in passing water (urine)

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If you stop having Largactil

If you have more Largactil than you should

You may feel drowsy after having this medicine.

This happens, do not drive or use any tools or machines.

The usual doses are:

- **Adults:** 25-50mg every 3-4 hours
- **Children 6-12 years:** 0.5mg/kg body-weight every 6-8 hours

Anxiety

• Difficulty sleeping (insomnia)
• Reduced sexual desire in women
• Difficulty in getting or keeping an erection (impotence)
• Breast enlargement in men

Feeling tired, weak, confused and have muscles that ache, are stiff or do not work properly

• You have difficulty in passing water (urine)

Taking Largactil with food and drink

Do not drink alcohol while being treated with Largactil. This is because alcohol can increase the effects of Largactil and cause serious breathing problems.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding and fertility

Tell your doctor or nurse before having this medicine if you are pregnant, might become pregnant, or think you may be pregnant.

The following symptoms may occur in newborn babies, of mothers that have used Largactil in the last trimester (last three months of their pregnancy): shaking, muscle stiffness and/or weakness, deep and rapid breathing, and difficulty in feeding. If your baby develops any of these symptoms you may need to contact your doctor. Do not breast feed if you are being given Largactil. This is because small amounts may pass into mothers’ milk. If you are breastfeeding or planning to breast feed talk to your doctor or nurse before taking this medicine.

Ask your doctor or nurse for advice before taking any medicine if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

Driving and using machines

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If this happens, do not drive or use any tools or machines.

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- **Sodium.** This injection contains 4.78mg of sodium in each 50mg dose and is essential for life.

- **Small amounts of sulphites.** These may cause severe allergic reactions (hypersensitivity) and difficulty in breathing (bronchospasm).

- **Sodium.** This is more likely to happen if you have a history of asthma or allergies. The chances of this happening are rare. Tell a doctor or nurse straight away if you get a rash, swallowing or breathing problems and swelling of your lips, face, throat or tongue.

**How much Largactil is given**

Largactil is given by a doctor or nurse.

This is because it needs to be given as a deep injection into a muscle.

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If you are not sure why you are being given Largactil or have any questions about how much Largactil is being given to you, speak to your doctor or nurse.
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- **Children 6-12 year:** 0.5mg/kg body weight every 6-8 hours

**Anxiety**
- **Adults:** 25-50mg every 6-8 hours
- **Children 6-12 year:** 0.5mg/kg body weight every 6-8 hours

**Hiccups**
- **Adults:** 25mg every 6-8 hours
- **Children 6-12 year:** 0.5mg/kg body weight every 6-8 hours

**Feeling or being sick**
- **Adults:** 25mg every 6-8 hours
- **Children 6-12 year:** 0.5mg/kg body weight every 6-8 hours

**Allergic**
- **Adults:** 25-50mg every 6-8 hours
- **Children 6-12 year:** 0.5mg/kg body weight every 6-8 hours

**Children under 1 year**
- Largactil is not generally given to children under 1 year.

**Expression of Largactil**
Can make your skin more sensitive to sunlight. Do not be out in direct sunlight while having this medicine.

**Tests**
Before and during treatment your doctor may want to carry out some tests. These might include blood tests and an ECG to check your heart is working properly and eye tests. Your doctor may want to carry out tests every year during your child's treatment to evaluate your child's learning capacity.

If you have more Largactil than you should
It is unlikely that your doctor or nurse will give you too much medicine. Your doctor and nurse will monitor your progress, and check the medicine you are given. Always ask if you are not sure why you are getting a dose of medicine.

Having too much Largactil may make you feel drowsy or dizziness with increased or rapid heart rate. You may also feel very tired and cold, with shivering movements, stiffness or shaking. If you start getting any of these symptoms tell your doctor or nurse straight away. If you are away from the hospital, return straight away and speak to your doctor or nurse or go to the casualty department.

**Side effects**

If you miss a dose of Largactil
Your doctor or nurse will have instructions on when to give this medicine. It is unlikely that you will have to worry about this. However, if you do forget you have missed a dose, tell your doctor or nurse.

If you stop having Largactil
Keep having Largactil until your doctor tells you to stop. If you stop having Largactil your illmans may come back and you may have other effects such as feeling or being sick and feeling drowsy. Your doctor will gradually stop your medicine to prevent three effects happening.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, Largactil can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. Tell a doctor or nurse or go to a hospital straight away if:

- You get a bloated feeling and cramping pain in the abdomen (stomach) be sick
- You have frequent infections such as fever, severe chills, sore throat or mouth ulcers.
- You have yellowing of the skin or eyes (jaundice) and your urine becomes darker in colour.
- You have an allergic reaction. The signs may include: rash, itching, fever, difficulty in breathing, vomiting, swelling of the limbs, unusual tiredness, fever, breathing problems.
- You have a fit (seizure)
- You have a bad heart attack
- You get a blood infection. This could be due to too much sugar in your blood (hyperglycaemia)
- You have problems (including rolling of the eyes)
- You have a twitch (convulsion) and hand muscles that ache, are stiff or do not work well.
- You have difficulty in passing water (urinary"
- You are very sensitive to sunlight. This may be due to low levels in your blood

Talk to the nurse or doctor if any of the following side effects gets serious or lasts longer than a few days:

- You start getting any of the above symptoms tell your doctor or nurse straight away. If you are away from the hospital, return straight away and speak to your doctor or nurse or go to the casualty department.

- You become more easily tired. This could be because of a blood disorder called "thrombocytopenia"
- You get a sore in the eyes, especially in the leg. Symptoms include 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:

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

- Feeling dizzy, lightheaded or faint when you stand or sit up quickly (due to low blood pressure)
- Feeling or being sick. This is because it needs to be given as a deep injection into a muscle.
- You get infections more easily than usual
- You have low blood levels of potassium, calcium and magnesium. Your doctor may
- You have an enlarged prostate gland
- You have depression
- You have ever had a stroke
- You have heart problems or a family history of heart problems

Do not have this medicine and tell your doctor if:

- Some medicines used for infections (antibiotics) such as moxifloxacin
- Medicines for fits (epilepsy) such as carbamazepine or phenobarbital
- Medicines for high blood pressure or prostate problems such as doxazosin and
In particular, check with your doctor if you are taking any of the following:

- Some medicines can affect the way Largactil works. This is because Largactil can affect the way some other medicines work. Also
Please tell your doctor or nurse if you are taking or have recently taken any other

If you are not sure if any of the above apply to you, talk to your doctor or pharmacist

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- If this happens, do not drive or use any tools or machines.
- You may feel
- You have joint pains and arthritis, feel tired with chest pain, with shortness of breath. These could be signs of an illness called "systemic lupus erythematosus" (SLE)
- You have erythrocytosis of the skin or eyes (jundice) and your urine becomes darker in colour. These could be signs of liver damage
- You have frequent infections such as fever, sepsis, sore throat or mouth ulcers.
- You have a history of asthma or allergies. The chances
- You have heart problems or have had a heart attack
- You are elderly, particularly during very hot or very cold weather. In these
- You are elderly (65 years of age or older)
- You are a child under 1 year
- Largactil looks like and contains of the pack
- Largactil is available in boxes containing 10 x 1 ml or 10 x 2 ml glass ampoules.
- All pack sizes may be marketed

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The Marketing Authorisation Holder for Largactil is:
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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 nurse.