

Glycopyrronium Bromide 1mg/5ml Oral Solution

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Reminder Card for Caregivers

There are different strengths of liquid glycopyrronium bromide available in the UK. Check carefully the product label to ensure that you have been given glycopyrronium bromide 1mg/5ml oral solution for your child.

This medicine is **NOT** interchangeable with other glycopyrronium products without dose adjustment by the child's doctor. Glycopyrronium bromide 1mg/5ml has been prescribed for your child or adolescent to treat excessive production of saliva (sialorrhoea).

It is not recommended for children less than 3 years of age. The side effects associated with glycopyrronium bromide 1mg/5ml (an anticholinergic drug) may be dose dependent and difficult to assess in a disabled child. Your child's doctor will talk to you about common side effects that may occur and how to manage them.

It is important to make sure an accurate dose is given each time, in order to prevent harmful effects of glycopyrronium bromide 1mg/5ml seen with dosing errors or overdose.

Important Information on the administration of glycopyrronium bromide 1mg/5ml:	
Always give glycopyrronium bromide 1mg/5ml exactly as the doctor has told you. You should not increase the dose without the doctor's permission. Check with your doctor if you are not sure.	You must measure and check the dose of glycopyrronium bromide 1mg/5ml using the special measuring device (oral syringe) provided. Always double check if the correct volume of glycopyrronium bromide 1mg/5ml is pulled into the syringe. Instructions on how to use the syringe are provided in the Patient Information Leaflet.
Give glycopyrronium bromide 1mg/5ml at least one hour before or two hours after meals. If the child's specific needs determine that co-administration with food is required, it is important to give glycopyrronium bromide 1mg/5ml at consistent times in relation to food intake. Do not give with high fat foods.	The administration table below should be completed by the prescribing doctor initially and at each dose change. Its purpose is to remind the caregiver of the correct dose to be given to the child.

Dose administration table:					
PATIENT NAME:.....		DOB:.....			
DOCTOR'S NAME:.....					
DOCTOR'S CONTACT DETAILS.....					
Dose prescribed (to be completed by the doctor)					
No	Dose (ml)	Start date (dd-mm-yyyy)	End date (dd-mm-yyyy)		
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
Additional comments:					

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How to manage important side effects:

- If any of the following side effects occur, stop giving the medicine to the child and seek urgent medical advice;
 - Difficulty in passing stools (constipation)
 - Difficulty in passing urine or unable to completely empty the bladder (urinary retention)
 - Severe chest infection (pneumonia)
 - Allergic reaction (rash, itching, red raised itchy rash (hives), difficulty breathing or swallowing, dizziness)
- Side effects can sometimes be difficult to detect in some patients with neurological problems who cannot adequately express how they feel. If you think that a troublesome side effect is occurring after increasing the dose, decrease the dose to the previous one and contact the child's doctor.
- Avoid exposing the child to hot or very warm weather to avoid overheating and the possibility of heat stroke. Check with the child's doctor during hot weather or if the child has a fever, to see if the dose of glycopyrronium bromide 1mg/5ml should be reduced.
- Since reduced salivation can increase the risk of dental disease, daily dental hygiene and regular dental health checks should be performed.
- Check the child's pulse at regular intervals. Check with the child's doctor if the heart beat is very slow or very rapid.
- You should look for any changes in the child's wellbeing or behaviour and tell the child's doctor.

Additional information

- Seek urgent medical advice immediately if the child is given too much glycopyrronium bromide 1mg/5ml, even if the child seems well.
 - Tell the child's doctor if your child is taking, has recently taken or might take any other medicines.
 - Check with the child's doctor at least every 3 months to make sure glycopyrronium bromide 1mg/5ml is still right for the child.
- Further information about taking glycopyrronium bromide 1mg/5ml can be found in the Patient Information Leaflet and can be obtained from your child's doctor.
- Please refer to the dose administration table for the correct dose to be given to your child.

For more detailed information about glycopyrronium bromide 1mg/5ml read the Patient Information Leaflet which can be obtained from your child's doctor or can be downloaded from

<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/102446/smpc>

This reminder card is also available for download from the emc website

<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/rmm/108108/Document>

REPORTING ADVERSE EVENTS

Please report suspected adverse drug reactions (ADRs) to the MHRA through the Yellow Card scheme. You can report via:

- the Yellow Card website www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard
- the free Yellow Card app available from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store

Alternatively you can report a suspected side effect to the Yellow Card scheme by calling **0800 731 6789** for free, Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm. You can leave a message outside of these hours.

When reporting please provide as much information as possible. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

You can also report any side effects to the Aristo drug safety department on **01483 920 754**.