

# **PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET**

## **HYDROTALCITE SUSPENSION**

Please read this leaflet carefully before you start to take this medicine. If you do not understand it or you want to know more, ask your doctor or pharmacist. Keep the leaflet, you may want to read it again.

### **WHAT IS IN YOUR MEDICINE?**

This product is called Hydrotalcite Suspension. Each 5ml suspension contains 500mg of the active ingredient hydrotalcite light.

It also contains sorbitol, carmellose sodium, veegum R, sodium propyl hydroxybenzoate, sodium butyl hydroxybenzoate, crème de menthe 1951, hydrogen peroxide 30% solution and purified water.

Hydrotalcite Suspension is available in bottles of 100ml, 250ml and 500ml.

Hydrotalcite, the active ingredient, is an antacid. Antacids are used to neutralize acid in the stomach when too much acid is produced, thus prevent inflammation and relieve pain.

### **WHO HAS MADE YOUR MEDICINE ?**

The marketing authorisation for Hydrotalcite Suspension is held by Peckforton Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Crewe Hall, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 6UL England

It is manufactured by Universal Products (Manufacturing) Ltd at Bradshaw Lane , Kirkham, Preston, Lancashire PR4 3JA England

### **WHAT IS HYDROTALCITE SUSPENSION USED FOR ?**

Your medicine can be used to relieve stomach (abdominal) discomfort and pain caused by acid in the following conditions: peptic ulceration (excess acid in the stomach that damage the protective layer of mucus that lines the stomach); dyspepsia (pain in the chest or upper abdomen caused by, or aggravated by acid); gastritis (inflammation of the stomach); heartburn (including in pregnancy), especially when associated with backward flow of acid or hiatus hernia (protrusion through the diaphragm of the stomach).

### **BEFORE YOU TAKE YOUR MEDICINE**

Before you start taking Hydrotalcite Suspension, please read the following questions. If the answer is **yes** to **any** of these questions, you must tell your doctor before taking this product.

- Have you ever had a bad reaction to or are allergic to any of the ingredients in this product ?
- Are you in the early stages of pregnancy ?

**Warning:**

Hydrotalcite Suspension is not recommended for children under 6 years.

**ARE YOU TAKING ANY OTHER MEDICINES ?**

Hydrotalcite may interfere with the absorption of a group of antibiotics called tetracyclines. It is important that you tell your doctor or pharmacist about ALL medicines that you are taking, including those bought without a prescription.

**HOW SHOULD YOU TAKE HYDROTALCITE SUSPENSION?**

***Adults:***

The usual dose is 10 ml i.e two teaspoons between meals and at bedtime.

***Children (between 6-12 years old):***

The usual dose is half the adult dose 5 ml i.e. one tea spoon between meals and at bedtime.

You should follow your doctor's or pharmacist's advice about how and when to take this product. If symptoms persist for more than 14 days consult your doctor or pharmacist for further advice.

**WHAT IF YOU MISS A DOSE ?**

If you forget to take your medicine at the correct time, don't worry. Do not take twice as much next time. Just take your medicine as soon as you remember and carry on as before.

**WHAT IF YOU TAKE TOO MUCH ?**

If you take too much of your medicine, you should tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible.

### **WHAT ABOUT SIDE EFFECTS ?**

Like all medicines, Hydrotalcite may occasionally cause problems such as diarrhoea and vomiting. If this happens or your stomach pain gets worse, stop taking your medicine and tell your doctor, immediately. If you have any other problems and think that your medicine may be causing them, consult your doctor or pharmacist.

### **HOW SHOULD YOU STORE YOUR MEDICINE?**

Do not use your medicine after the expiry date shown on the label.

Store this medicine at normal room temperature (between 4°C and 25°C). Do not freeze. Keep it in the pack in which it was given to you.

Keep this medicine in a safe place where children can not get at it. Your medicines could harm them.

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