

Paracetamol suppositories

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1. What Paracetamol Suppositories are and what they are used for

Paracetamol belongs to a group of medicines called analgesics. An analgesic is a medicine that relieves pain. Paracetamol Suppositories are used in the treatment of mild to moderate pain or fever.

2. Before you use Paracetamol Suppositories . You should not use Paracetamol Suppositories if:

- you are allergic (hypersensitive) to paracetamol or to any of the ingredients. If this applies to you please tell your doctor before using this medicine.

Take special care with Paracetamol Suppositories if:

- you suffer from kidney problems
- you suffer from liver problems, including those caused by alcoholism
- you have an infection

If symptoms persist you should consult your doctor.

Do not exceed the recommended dose.

Taking other medicines

Please tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you are taking, or have recently taken, any other medicine including medicines obtained without prescription. Please tell your doctor if you are taking any of the following medicines:

- warfarin, a medicine used to thin the blood. Regular use of paracetamol and warfarin together may increase the risk of bleeding; occasional use has no effect
- metoclopramide (used to stop you feeling, or being, sick)
- domperidone (used to stop you feeling, or being, sick)
- cholestyramine (used to treat high cholesterol levels)
- medicines used to treat epilepsy or fits, such as phenobarbitone

Do not use Paracetamol Suppositories with other medicines that contain paracetamol.

If you have any doubts as to whether Paracetamol Suppositories are suitable for you please consult your doctor.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding you should ask your doctor for advice before taking Paracetamol Suppositories .

Driving and using machines

There are no known effects of taking Paracetamol Suppositories on driving or using machines.

3. How to use Paracetamol Suppositories

For rectal use only.

Always use Paracetamol Suppositories exactly as your doctor has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

- If you need to empty your bowels, this should be done before inserting the suppository
- Wash your hands
- Peel the wrapping apart and remove the suppository from its plastic wrapping by grasping the two halves of the wrapping at the tip of the suppository and pulling them gently apart.
- Moisten the suppository tip before insertion
- Push the suppository as high as possible into the rectum (back passage)
- If you are unsure about how to use the suppositories, please consult your doctor or pharmacist

How much to use

General Dosing Guidelines: 325 to 650 mg every 4 to 6 hours or 1000 mg every 6 to 8 hours.

If you use more Paracetamol Suppositories than you should

Immediate medical advice should be sought in the event of an overdose, even if you feel well, because of the risk of delayed, serious liver damage.

4. Possible Side Effects

Like all medicines Paracetamol Suppositories can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Side effects that may occur include:

- a rash or itching initially
- soreness in or around your back passage

If any of these side effects gets serious, or you notice any other side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

5. How to Store Paracetamol Suppositories

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Do not store above 25° C.

Keep the blister strip in the outer carton

Do not use Paracetamol Suppositories after the expiry date on the carton label.

The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not use if the strip containing the suppositories is damaged.

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.