

Piriton®

Tablets

Patient Information Leaflet for Piriton Tablets 4mg (Chlorphenamine Maleate Ph.Eur.)

This leaflet is to help you get the most from your Piriton Tablets. Please read it carefully before you take the tablets and keep it until you have finished the pack. If there is anything you do not understand ask your pharmacist to explain it to you.

WHAT ARE PIRITON TABLETS?

Piriton Tablets are round, yellow tablets engraved with a “P” to one side of the break line. Each tablet contains 4mg of the antihistamine chlorphenamine maleate. They also contain lactose, maize starch, magnesium stearate and the colouring agent yellow iron oxide (E172). Piriton tablets are supplied in packs of 500.

HOW DO PIRITON TABLETS WORK?

Piriton Tablets contain an antihistamine. Histamine is a chemical released into the body during an allergic reaction.

It causes itching and inflammation. Piriton Tablets block the effects of histamine, calming down the body's allergic reaction and starting to relieve the symptoms within half an hour.

WHO MAKES PIRITON TABLETS?

Piriton Tablets are manufactured by Wülfig Pharma GmbH, Bethelner Landstrasse 18, D-31028 Gronau/Leine, Germany.

The product licence is held by GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare, Brentford, TW8 9GS, U.K.

WHAT ARE PIRITON TABLETS FOR?

Piriton Tablets are used to treat allergies. They relieve the itchiness, redness, swelling, tenderness and irritation associated

with many skin problems. You can take Piriton Tablets for things like nettle rash, hives, heat rash, prickly heat, dermatitis

or reactions to food, food additives or medicines, or to insect bites or stings.

Piriton Tablets also relieve the sneezing and itchy, watery eyes and nose associated with hayfever.

Piriton Tablets can also be used to calm the itchy rash of chickenpox.

BEFORE YOU TAKE YOUR MEDICINE

* Are you allergic to any of the ingredients?

* Have you taken monoamine oxidase inhibitor (MAOI) antidepressant treatment in the past 14 days?

- * Are you pregnant (or intending to become pregnant) or breast feeding a baby?
- * Do you have epilepsy, glaucoma, an enlarged prostate, an overactive thyroid, very high blood pressure, heart, liver or chest disease?
- * Are you taking drugs to treat anxiety or help you to sleep?
- * Are you taking any medicine containing phenytoin for epilepsy?

If the answer to any of these questions is YES, tell your doctor or pharmacist immediately.
Do not drink alcohol whilst taking this medicine.
If these tablets make you feel drowsy, do not drive or operate machinery.

HOW TO TAKE YOUR TABLETS

Adults: Take one tablet every four to six hours (maximum 6 tablets in 24 hours).
Children aged 6-12: Half a tablet every four to six hours (maximum 6 halves in 24 hours).
Not recommended for children under 6 years of age.

Swallow the tablet with a drink of water.
If symptoms persist consult your doctor.

Do not take more than the recommended dose.
Taking more could be dangerous especially if a large overdose is taken. If you do take more than recommended, call your doctor at once or go to the nearest hospital casualty unit. DO NOT DRIVE. Take the tablets with you.

ARE THERE ANY SIDE EFFECTS?

Piriton Tablets have been widely used and the vast majority of people do not have any problems after taking them although all medicines can occasionally upset some people.
The most common side effect is drowsiness. This drowsiness can be helpful if symptoms are particularly troublesome at night.

Less common side effects:

- * A few people may get an upset tummy, have blurred vision, headaches, difficulty in passing water, dry mouth, muscular inco-ordination, difficulty concentrating, weakness, thickening of phlegm, become jaundiced (go yellow), feel their heart beating faster or unevenly, have chest tightness, ringing in the ears or feel dizzy.
- * Allergic reactions to the tablet (e.g. rash, itching), ringing in the ears, blood problems, irritability or nightmares can very occasionally occur.
- * Although very rare, elderly people may occasionally become confused or children become excitable.

If you feel your medicine has upset you in any way, tell your doctor or pharmacist.

STORING YOUR MEDICINE

- * Keep your tablets in a safe place **WHERE CHILDREN CANNOT REACH THEM.**
- * Store the tablets in a dry place at room temperature below 30°C (86°F).
- * Do not use after the date shown as 'EXP' on the carton.
- * **RETURN ANY UNWANTED TABLETS TO YOUR PHARMACIST** to be destroyed.

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