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- This medicine is for the short term treatment of acute moderate pain when other painkillers have not worked.
- You should only take this product for a maximum of 3 days at a time. If you need to take it for longer than 3 days you should see your doctor or pharmacist for advice.
- This medicine contains codeine which can cause addiction if you take it continuously for more than 3 days. This can give you withdrawal symptoms from the medicine when you stop taking it.
- If you take this medicine for headaches for more than 3 days it can make them worse.

Please read right through this leaflet before you start using this medicine. This medicine is available without prescription, but you still need to use Solpadeine Plus Soluble Tablets carefully to get the best results from them.

- Keep this leaflet you may need to read it again.
- If you have any questions, or if there is anything you do not understand, ask your pharmacist.

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1. What Solpadeine Plus Soluble Tablets do

Solpadeine Plus Soluble Tablets can be used in patients over 12 years of age for the short-term relief of moderate pain that is not relieved by other painkillers such as paracetamol or ibuprofen alone. They can be used for migraine, headache, dental pain, period pain, strains & sprains, backache, rheumatic pain and sciatica. The tablets contain three active ingredients; paracetamol, codeine and caffeine. Codeine and paracetamol are both painkillers. Codeine belongs to a group of medicines called opioid analgesics which act to relieve pain. It can be used on its own or in combination with other painkillers. Caffeine acts to further help the effectiveness of paracetamol.

2. Check before you take Solpadeine Plus Soluble Tablets

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- If you take a painkiller for headaches for more than 3 days it can make them worse.

Do not take Solpadeine Plus Soluble Tablets:

- If you have ever had an allergic reaction to paracetamol, caffeine, codeine, other opioid painkillers or to any of the other ingredients (listed in Section 6)
- If you are taking other medicines containing paracetamol or codeine
- If you are under 12 years:
- For pain relief in children and adolescents (0-18 years of age) after removal of their tonsils or adenoids due to obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome
- If you know that you metabolise very rapidly codeine into morphine
- If you are breastfeeding.

Ask your doctor before you take this medicine:

- If you have liver or kidney disease, including alcoholic liver disease
- If you have bowel problems including blockage of your bowel
- If you have had an operation to remove your gall bladder
- If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars
- If you are on a controlled sodium diet. Each tablet contains 427 mg of sodium.

If you are taking other medicines

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking these tablets if you are taking any prescribed medicines; particularly metoclopramide or domperidone (for nausea [feeling sick] and vomiting [being sick]); cholestyramine (to lower blood cholesterol); monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs) prescribed for depression in the last 2 weeks, or substances that make you drowsy (e.g. sedatives, antidepressants or alcohol). If you take blood thinning drugs (anticoagulants e.g. warfarin) and you need to take a pain reliever on a daily basis, talk to your doctor because of the risk of bleeding. But you can still take occasional doses of Solpadeine Plus Soluble Tablets at the same time as anticoagulants.

Warnings and precautions

Codeine is transformed to morphine in the liver by an enzyme. Morphine is the substance that produces pain relief. Some people have a variation of this enzyme and this can affect people in different ways. In some people, morphine is not produced or produced in very small quantities, and it will not provide enough pain relief. Other people are more likely to get serious side effects because a very high amount of morphine is produced. If you notice any of the following side effects, you must stop taking this medicine and seek immediate medical advice: slow or shallow breathing, confusion, sleepiness, small pupils, feeling or being sick, constipation, lack of appetite.

Children and adolescents

Use in children and adolescents after surgery: Codeine should not be used for pain relief in children and adolescents after removal of their tonsils or adenoids due to Obstructive Sleep Apnoea Syndrome.

Use in children with breathing problems: Codeine is not recommended in children with breathing problems, since the symptoms of morphine toxicity may be worse in these children.

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