

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET:

PIRICET 10MG TABLETS

PIRICET 5MG/5ML SYRUP:

{Cetirizine Hydrochloride}

Read this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet

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1. WHAT IS PIRICET AND WHAT IS IT USED FOR?

The name of the medicine is PIRICET. The active ingredient is Cetirizine which is a potent antihistamine with a low potential for drowsiness at normal doses, which has additional anti allergic properties.

PIRICET is used to treat symptoms associated with allergic conditions, such as: • hayfever (seasonal and perennial allergic rhinitis), • allergic skin conditions that can cause itching or rashes

2. BEFORE YOU TAKE:

Do not take PIRICET:

-If you are allergic (hypersensitive) to cetirizine, hydroxyzine, any piperazine derivatives (closely related active ingredients of other medicines), or to any other ingredients of PIRICET

-If you have severe kidney disease

Take special care with PIRICET

If you have kidney problems • if you have difficulty passing urine • if you have epilepsy

Other medicines and PIRICET

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines. This includes medicines bought without a prescription. These include: other antihistamines, medicines used to treat anxiety such as diazepam or zolpidem.

Taking PIRICET with food and drink

Piricet can be taken with or without food as this does not affect how this medicine works.

Do not drink alcohol while on Piricet. Combining the drug with alcohol can cause dangerous effects, such as extreme drowsiness and impaired motor skills and alertness.

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant. If you are breastfeeding, check with your doctor before you take PIRICET.

Driving and using machines

PIRICET at the recommended dose is unlikely to affect your ability to drive or use machines. However, some patients may feel drowsy, tired or weak. Do not drive or use machines unless you are sure you are not affected.

Important information about some of the ingredients of PIRICET

Piricet tablet contains lactose and parabens; and syrup contains Sorbitol, Potassium sorbate and Sodium benzoate. If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some ingredients, please contact your doctor before taking this medicinal product. Syrup also contains Tartrazine (may cause allergic reaction) and glycerol.

3. HOW TO TAKE PIRICET:

For Oral use

Take Piricet preparation as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

The usual adult dose is:

Adults: one 10mg tablet daily.

*Children aged 6-12years:*5mls twice daily

*Children aged 2-6years:*2.5mls twice daily or 5mls once daily.

Do not take more than the recommended dose

If you forget to take PIRICET

Do not take an extra dose to make up for a missed dose. Just take your next dose at the usual time.

If you take more PIRICET than you should

Contact your doctor or pharmacist immediately or report to the nearest emergency department.

If you stop taking Piricet

Take Piricet for as long as your doctor or healthcare provider has instructed. If you have any concerns on the use of this medicine, please talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS:

Like all medicines, Piricet can have side effects though not everybody gets them.

These include headache, drowsiness, diarrhea, fatigue, urine retention.

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

5. HOW TO STORE PIRICET:

Do not take Piricet after the expiry date stamped on the pack. The expiry date refers to the last day of the month.

Piricet should be stored in the original container/carton in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight. Do not store above 30°C. Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

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

6. FURTHER INFORMATION:

What **PIRICET** contains:

The active substances in Piricet is Cetirizine Hydrochloride.

PIRICET is available as follows:

Tablets: Round, bevel edged, white tablets scored on one side and plain on the other side in Blister packs of 1 ×10's & 10 ×10's in a unit box with a package insert.

Syrup: A clear yellow coloured homogeneous syrup with a sweet taste and pineapple flavor free from any visible impurities in 60mls or 100mls PET bottle with a cap in a unit box with a package insert.

Further information on summary of product characteristics can be obtained from the regulatory department of Biodeal Laboratories Ltd. regulatoryaffairs@biodealkenya.com.



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