

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET:

PIRICLOR TABLETS

PIRICLOR SYRUP:

{Chlorpheniramine Maleate 4mg/tablet and 2mg/5mls}

Read all of 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. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.
- 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.

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

PiriClor belongs to a group of medicines called antihistamines. The active ingredient is Chlorpheniramine maleate. It acts by diminishing or abolishing the main actions of histamine in the body by blocking the histamine H1 receptor sites on tissues. PiriClor is used to relieve the symptoms of allergic conditions such as hay fever (seasonal allergic rhinitis), runny nose (rhinitis), urticaria (also known as "hives"), pruritus (itch), insect bite or sting reactions, allergies to foods or medicines.

Each tablet contains: Chlorpheniramine maleate B.P 4mg.

Each 5ml contains: Chlorpheniramine maleate B.P 2mg.

2. BEFORE YOU USE PIRICLOR:

Do not use PiriClor:

-If you previously suffered an allergic reaction to Chlorpheniramine or to any of the other ingredients in this medicine

Take special care with PiriClor:

- If you have very high blood pressure
- If you have Epilepsy
- If you have Heart disease, liver disease or kidney disease.
- If you suffer from Glaucoma.
- If you have Enlarged prostate.
- If you have Bronchitis, asthma or bronchiectasis.

Using other medicines

Please tell your doctor if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, including other antihistamines, monoamine oxidase inhibitors, phenytoin and medicines obtained without a prescription.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you might be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine.

Taking PiriClor with Food & Drink

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

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

Driving and using machines

Do not drive or operate machinery if the medicine makes you feel drowsy, dizzy or if you experience blurred vision.

Important information about some of the ingredients of PiriClor

PiriClor tablet contains Tartrazine colour which may cause allergic reactions.

PiriClor syrup contains Tartrazine, Ponceau colour and parabens which may cause allergic reactions. It also contains sodium. If you have intolerance, contact your doctor before taking this medicine.

3. HOW TO USE PIRICLOR:

For oral use.

Always take PiriClor exactly as your doctor or health care provider has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist, if you are not sure.

The Usual dose is as follows:

Adults and children aged 12 years and over: Take one tablet every 4 to 6 hours as needed. Do not take more than 6 tablets in 24hrs.

Children aged 6 to 12 years: Give a half tablet every 4 to 6 hours as needed. Do not give more than 6 half tablets (3 tablets) in 24hrs. The syrup is however preferable.

Syrup:

Age	Dosage	Maximum dose in 24 hours
1 - 2years	One 2.5ml spoonful twice daily	One 5ml spoonfuls (5mls)
2- 6years	One 2.5ml spoonful every 4-6 hours	Three 5ml spoonfuls (15mls)
6- 12years	One 5ml spoonful every 4-6 hours	Six 5ml spoonfuls (30mls)
Above 12 years and adults	Two 5ml spoonful (10ml) every 4-6 hours	Twelve 5ml spoonfuls (60mls)

If you take more PiriClor than you should

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

If you forget to take a dose

Take a dose as soon as you remember, unless it is nearly time to take the next one. Never take a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

If you stop taking PiriClor

Do not stop taking PiriClor unless your doctor/pharmacist tells you to. If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS:

Like all medicines, PiriClor can have side effects though not everyone gets them.

The most common side effect is drowsiness, which can be helpful if symptoms are particularly troublesome at night. Other side-effects include: dizziness loss of concentration, dryness of the mouth, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pains.

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

5. HOW TO STORE PIRICLOR:

Do not store above 30°C. Store PiriClor in the original carton/container in a cool dry place protected from direct sunlight. Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

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

Do not use PiriClor if you notice any visible signs of deterioration. 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 PiriClor contains

The active substances in PiriClor is Chlorpheniramine maleate.

PiriClor is available as follows:

Syrup: A clear orange coloured homogeneous syrup with a sweet taste and orange flavour free from any visible impurities.

Tablets: Round, flat-faced, bevel edged, yellow tablets, scored on one side and plain on the other side

Tablets: 10 x 10 Blisters packed in unit box with a package insert

Syrup: 60mls and 100mls in amber coloured bottles 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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