Package leaflet: Information for the user

Mebendazole Tablets 100mg

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.
- Always take this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor, pharmacist or nurse has told you.
- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.
- You must talk to a doctor if you do not feel better or if you feel worse.

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1. WHAT MEBENDAZOLE TABLETS 100MG ARE AND WHAT THEY ARE USED FOR

Mebendazole Tablets 100mg contain a medicine called mebendazole. This belongs to a group of medicines called “anthelmintics” and is used to kill threadworms.

Mebendazole Tablets 100mg are used for the treatment of threadworm infestation.

2. WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU TAKE MEBENDAZOLE TABLETS 100MG

Do not take Mebendazole Tablets 100mg if you:
- Are allergic to mebendazole or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6)
- Are pregnant or think you are pregnant.
- Are a child under 2 years.

Other medicines and Mebendazole Tablets 100mg
Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken, or might take any other medicines. In particular tell your doctor if you are taking any of the following:
- Metronidazole used to treat bacterial infections
- Cimetidine used to treat stomach disorders such as heartburn.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding
You should not take this medicine if you are pregnant, planning on becoming pregnant, or are breast-feeding. Please check with your doctor if you are taking these tablets and are planning a pregnancy or you want to breast-feed your baby.

Driving and using machines
If you feel you have been affected by the use of this medicine, you should not drive or operate heavy machinery.

Mebendazole Tablets 100mg contain sunset yellow (E110)
This ingredient may cause allergic reactions.

Mebendazole Tablets 100mg contain lactose
If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicinal product.

Sodium content
This medicine contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per tablet, that is to say essentially 'sodium-free'.

3. HOW TO TAKE MEBENDAZOLE TABLETS 100MG

Always take this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Adults, the elderly and children over 2 years:
One tablet (100mg) to be chewed or swallowed whole.
Crush the tablet before giving it to a young child. Always supervise a child while they are taking this medicine.
This dose may be repeated after two weeks if re-infestation occurs.

Children under 2 years:
Not recommended for use.

To avoid re-infestation it is recommended that the whole family be treated at the same time.
In addition to treatment with this medicine the following precautions are recommended:
- Hands should be washed thoroughly and nails scrubbed before each meal and after each toilet visit
- Each morning the anal area should be washed thoroughly to remove any eggs which may have been laid during the night
- Nail biting and insertion of the fingers into the mouth should be avoided
- Separate towels for each family member should be used.

If you take more Mebendazole Tablets 100mg than you should
If you take too many tablets by mistake contact your nearest hospital casualty department or tell your doctor immediately. Take your tablet pack with you. You may experience stomach cramps, feeling or being sick and diarrhoea.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everyone gets them.

Stop using Mebendazole Tablets 100mg and tell your doctor straight away if you notice or suspect the following serious side effects. You may need urgent medical treatment.
- Sudden swelling of your face or throat. Hives (also known as nettle rash or urticaria), severe irritation, reddening or blistering of your skin. These may be signs of a severe allergic reaction
- Blistering of your skin, mouth, eyes and genitals
- Fits (convulsions)
- Fever or flu-like symptoms, this may be an early sign of Stevens-Johnson syndrome, a severe skin reaction.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any of the following side effects:

Common (affects less than 1 in 10 people)
- Stomach pain.

Uncommon (affects less than 1 in 100 people)
- Stomach discomfort
- Diarrhoea
- Wind.

Rare (affects less than 1 in 1,000 people)
- Rash
- Inflammation of the liver
- Changes in liver enzymes (shown in blood tests)
- Reduction in white blood cells (shown in blood test). You may get more infections
- Unusual hair loss
- Dizziness.

Very rare (affects less than 1 in 10,000 people)
- Inflammation of the kidneys
- Nausea
- Vomiting.

Reporting of side effects
If you get any of the side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects via the Yellow Card Scheme at: www.hmra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. HOW TO STORE MEBENDAZOLE TABLETS 100MG

Keep this medicine out of sight and reach of children.

Do not use after the expiry date stated on the label. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.
Do not use this medicine if you notice any of the visible signs of deterioration.
Do not store above 25°C. Store in the original package.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures help to protect the environment.

6. CONTENTS OF THE PACK AND OTHER INFORMATION

What Mebendazole Tablets 100mg contains:
Each tablet contains 100mg of the active substance mebendazole.

The other ingredients are: lactose, pregelatinised maize starch, sunset yellow (E110), sodium saccharin, sodium lauryl sulphate, natural orange flavour, sodium starch glycollate, microcrystalline cellulose and magnesium stearate.

What Mebendazole Tablets 100mg looks like and contents of the pack
Mebendazole Tablets 100mg are orange, flat beveled edged tablets with a breakline on one side.
Mebendazole Tablets 100mg are packed into blisters containing 1,2,4,6 and 8 tablets.

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