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500mg
Film-coated tablets
Paracetamol

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET
Please read right through this leaflet before you start using this medicine.

This medicine is available without prescription, but you still need to use Panadol tablets carefully to get the best results from them.

- Keep this leaflet, you may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your pharmacist.

In this leaflet:

- What Panadol tablets are and what they are used for
- Check before you take Panadol tablets
- How to take Panadol tablets
- Possible side effects
- How to store and dispose of Panadol tablets
- Further information

1. What Panadol tablets are and what they are used for

Panadol tablets are used for fast and effective relief of headaches, toothache, backache, rheumatic and muscle pains and period pain. It also relieves sore throat and the feverishness, aches and pains of colds and flu. Panadol tablets also help relieve the pain of osteoarthritis (which has been diagnosed by a doctor).

The active ingredient is paracetamol which is a painkiller and also reduces your temperature when you have a fever.

2. Check before you take Panadol tablets

Do not take Panadol tablets:

- if you have ever had an allergic reaction to paracetamol or to any of the other ingredients (listed in Section 6).
- if you are **taking other medicines containing paracetamol**.
- if you are **under 6 years** unless your doctor tells you to.

Ask your doctor before you take this medicine:

- if you have **severe liver** or **kidney disease**, including **alcoholic liver disease**.

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] or **vomiting** [being sick]); **colestyramine** (to lower **blood cholesterol**). 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. However you can still take **occasional** doses of Panadol tablets at the same time as anticoagulants.

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Talk to your doctor before taking Panadol tablets if you are **pregnant**. You can take this product whilst **breastfeeding**.

Important information about some of the ingredients

- Contains parahydroxybenzoates which may cause allergic reaction (possibly delayed).

3. How to take Panadol tablets

Adults, including the elderly, and children aged 12 years and over:

Swallow 2 tablets with water 3 to 4 times a day as needed.
Do not take more frequently than every 4 hours.
Do not take more than 8 tablets in 24 hours.

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Give 1/2 to 1 tablet to swallow
3-4 times daily as required.
Do not give more frequently than
every 4 hours.
Do not give more than 4 tablets
in 24 hours.

- Do not take for more than three days without consulting your doctor.
- Do not take more than the recommended dose.
- If symptoms persist consult your doctor.
- Prolonged use except under medical supervision may be harmful.

Immediate medical advice should be sought in the event of an overdose, even if you feel well, because of the risk of delayed, serious liver damage.

Like all medicines Panadol tablets can have side effects, but not everybody gets them:

- you experience allergic reactions such as skin rash or itching, sometimes with breathing problems or swelling of the lips, tongue, throat or face.
- you experience a severe skin rash or peeling of the skin which may be accompanied by mouth ulcers.
- you may have previously experienced breathing problems with aspirin or non-steroidal anti-inflammatories, and experience a similar reaction to this product.
- you experience unexplained bruising or bleeding.

Reporting of side effects
If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via HPRAs Pharmacovigilance, Earlsfort Terrace, IRL – Dublin 2; Tel: +353 1 6764971; Fax: +353 1 6762517. Website: www.hpra.ie; E-mail: medsafety@hpra.ie. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

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

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