



piriteze[®]

allergy syrup

Cetirizine Hydrochloride

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

This medicine is available without prescription, but you still need to use Piriteze Allergy Syrup carefully to get the best results from it.

- 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 Piriteze Allergy Syrup does

Piriteze Allergy Syrup is used to treat the allergic symptoms of hayfever (itchy or watery eyes, sneezing and a runny nose) **and other allergies e.g. pet, house dust mite and mould spore allergies.** It can also be used to relieve the rashes and itching of chronic urticaria (hives).

The active ingredient is cetirizine hydrochloride, an antihistamine which can help to relieve the symptoms of some allergies and itchy skin rashes.

2. Check before you take Piriteze Allergy Syrup

Do not take Piriteze Allergy Syrup:

- if you have ever had an allergic reaction to antihistamines or to any of the other ingredients (listed in Section 6)
- if you have severe kidney problems
- If you have an intolerance to some sugars

Take special care with Piriteze Allergy Syrup

- Be careful when drinking alcohol while using Piriteze Allergy Syrup. It can increase the effects of drinking.
- Do not drive or operate machinery if the syrup makes you feel drowsy.
- If you have kidney problems as you may need to take a lower dose (see How to take Piriteze Allergy Syrup).
- If you are epileptic or at risk of convulsions (fits).
- If you are having an allergy skin test you need to wait 3 days after taking Piriteze Allergy Syrup.

If you are taking other medicines

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking this syrup if you are taking any prescribed medicines; including medicines obtained without a prescription.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking Piriteze Allergy Syrup if you are pregnant or breast-feeding.



3. How to take Piriteze Allergy Syrup

- Adults and adolescents aged 12 years and over: **Take two 5 ml spoonfuls once daily.**
- Children aged between 6 and 12 years: **Give one 5 ml spoonful twice daily - morning and evening.**
- Children under 6 years: **Not recommended.**
- For people with moderate kidney problems: **Take one 5 ml spoonful once daily.**

- **Do not take more than the recommended dose.**
- **Do not give to children under 6 years.**

If you or a child take too much syrup

Contact your doctor or casualty department. Do not drive if you have taken too much.

If you forget to take the syrup

Take a dose as soon as you remember, unless it is nearly time to take the next one.
Never take two doses together.

If your symptoms persist, **see your doctor.**

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, Piriteze Allergy Syrup can have side effects, but not everybody gets them.

Stop taking the medicine and **seek immediate medical help** if you experience:

- Sudden signs of an allergic reaction such as developing a rash, swelling of the mouth or face or difficulty breathing
- Bruising or bleeding more easily than normal
- Convulsions or fits
- Loss of consciousness.

Stop taking the medicine and **tell your doctor** if you experience:

Confusion, hallucinations, abnormal liver function tests, rapid heartbeat.

The following side effects may occur:

Common:

Headache or dizziness, drowsiness or tiredness, restlessness, dry mouth, sore throat, abdominal pain, diarrhoea, nausea [feeling sick], runny nose.

Uncommon:

Agitation, weakness, malaise, pins and needles, itching, rash or hives.

Rare:

Aggression, depression, weight gain, swelling, insomnia, movement disorders including tremor, muscle spasm and tics.

Very Rare:

Taste disorder, blurred vision, eye movement disorder, difficult or painful or involuntary urination.

At a very low frequency that cannot be estimated:

Memory loss

If you do get any side effects, even those not mentioned in this leaflet, tell your doctor or pharmacist.

5. How to store Piriteze Allergy Syrup

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Do not use this medicine after the 'EXP' date shown on the pack.

6. Further information

Active ingredient Each 5 ml dose contains Cetirizine Hydrochloride 5 mg.

Other ingredients Glycerol, propylene glycol, sorbitol (E 420), methyl parahydroxybenzoate (E 218), propyl parahydroxybenzoate (E 216), sodium acetate, acetic acid, saccharin sodium, banana flavour and purified water.

Methyl and propyl parahydroxybenzoates (E 218 and E 216) may cause allergic reactions (possibly delayed).

The bottle contains 70 ml.

The marketing authorisation holder is GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare, Brentford, TW8 9GS, U.K. and all enquires should be sent to this address.

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