

Package Leaflet: Information for the user

Bronchoforce

Chesty Cough

oral drops

Tinctures of Ivy, Thyme & Liquorice

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this product because it contains important information for you.

Always take this product 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 after 7 days.

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1. What Bronchoforce is and what it is used for

Bronchoforce is a traditional herbal medicinal product containing the tinctures of Ivy, Thyme and Liquorice.

It is used as an expectorant to relieve a chesty cough associated with a cold. This is exclusively based on long-standing use.

Bronchoforce is for use in adults and adolescents over 12 years of age.

2. What you need to know before you take Bronchoforce

Do not take Bronchoforce

- If you are allergic to:

- Ivy or plants of the Araliaceae family. Ivy is a member of the Araliaceae family.
- Thyme or plants of the Lamiaceae family e.g. basil, rosemary or sage. Thyme is a member of the Lamiaceae family.
- Liquorice
- Any of the other ingredients of this product (listed in section 6)

Warnings and precautions

- Talk to your doctor or pharmacist **before** taking the product if you suffer from
 - High blood pressure
 - Kidney disease
 - Liver problems
 - Heart problems
 - Low blood levels of potassium which can cause muscle weakness, twitching or abnormal heart rhythm (hypokalemia)
 - Gastritis
 - Gastric ulcer
- See your doctor or pharmacist if
 - You are short of breath
 - You have a high temperature (fever)
 - ⊖ Your phlegm is yellow-green to brown in colour
 - Your symptoms worsen, persist or do not improve within 7 days

Children

- Do not give this product to children under 12 years of age.

Other medicines and Bronchoforce

- Do not take this product if you are taking any of the following:
 - Another medicine which is affected by alcohol
 - Another product containing liquorice
 - Diuretics or water tablets
 - Digoxin and other heart medications
 - Corticosteroids
 - Laxatives
 - Medicines which may affect your sodium or potassium levels
- Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking this product if you are taking any medicine for high blood pressure. The liquorice root in this product may affect how it works.
- If you are speaking to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse always remember to tell them about any medicines you are taking, including herbal remedies such as Bronchoforce.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

- Do not take this product if you are pregnant or breast-feeding.

Driving and using machines

- This product contains alcohol (see below for alcohol content).
Overdose of this product may result in alcohol intoxication.

Bronchoforce contains alcohol

- This medicine contains 212 mg of alcohol (ethanol) in each 20 drop dose.
- The amount in each 20 drop dose of this medicine is equivalent to less than 6 ml beer (around a teaspoon) or 3 ml wine (around half a teaspoon).
- The small amount of alcohol in this medicine will not have any noticeable effects.

3. How to take Bronchoforce

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

Recommended dose

Adults and adolescents over 12 years: Take 20 drops in a little water three to five times daily.

For oral short-term use only. Do not take more than the recommended dose.

If you take more Bronchoforce than you should

- If you take too much and feel ill, talk to your doctor.
- Overdose of this product may result in alcohol intoxication.

If you forget to take Bronchoforce

- Do not worry about a missed dose. Take the next dose as usual.
- Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

If you have any further questions on the use of this product ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.

4. Possible Side Effects

Like all products, this product can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Side effects

The following side effects can occur when using this product.

Digestive symptoms

- Digestive upsets such as sickness, feeling sick or diarrhoea.

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.

Allergic reactions

- Swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat
- Difficulty in swallowing or breathing (including shortness of breath)
- Skin rashes
- Itching

Stop taking this product and contact your doctor immediately if these occur.

Other

There have been isolated reports of the following side effects occurring with products containing liquorice.

- Low blood levels of potassium which can cause muscle weakness, twitching or abnormal heart rhythm
- Irregular heartbeat
- High blood pressure
- A serious brain condition resulting from high blood pressure known as hypertensive encephalopathy

Stop taking the product if these occur. Seek medical advice and take this leaflet with you.

The frequency of these side effects is not known. This means it is not known how often these reactions occur as there have not been enough reports to allow this information to be calculated.

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 HPRA Pharmacovigilance. Website: www.hpra.ie

- By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Bronchoforce

- Keep this product out of the sight and reach of children.
- Do not use this product after the expiry date which is stated on the label and carton. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.
- This medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.
- Do not use this product if you notice a change in appearance. It should be a clear liquid that is brown in colour.
- 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 will help protect the environment.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Bronchoforce contains

Each 20 drop dose contains the tinctures of:

Fresh Ivy herb **198 mg**

(*Hedera helix* L.) (1:5.7-6.0)

Extraction solvent: Ethanol 51% V/V

Fresh Thyme **173 mg**

(*Thymus vulgaris* L.) (1:8.0-8.2)

Extraction solvent: Ethanol 51% V/V

Liquorice root **123 mg**

(*Glycyrrhiza glabra* L.) (1:10-11)

Extraction solvent: Ethanol 51% V/V

1 ml of Bronchoforce is equivalent to 38 drops.

The other ingredients used for the liquid are star anise oil and eucalyptus oil.

What Bronchoforce looks like and contents of the pack

Bronchoforce Chesty Cough oral drops is a clear liquid that is brown in colour. Bronchoforce is available in 15ml, 50 ml and 100 ml bottles. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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About the ingredients of Bronchoforce

- Ivy is an evergreen climbing plant which is native to Europe. The extract of the leaves is used to make Bronchoforce
- Thyme is a herb native to Europe which has been consumed as a food and medicine for many years.
- Liquorice is a plant which is native to Southern Europe and parts of Asia. It is the extract of the roots which is used to make Bronchoforce.

You should also know

A.Vogel Ireland runs a helpline by phone and email which can provide you with further information.

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