

## PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET

### Panadol

500mg Film-coated tablets Paracetamol

#### **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.

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### **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 any **other medicines containing paracetamol.**
- If you are under **10 years of age.**

#### **Check with your doctor before use if you:**

- have liver or kidney problems
- are underweight or malnourished
- regularly drink alcohol
- have a **severe infection** as this may increase the risk of **metabolic acidosis.**

Signs of metabolic acidosis include:

- deep, rapid, difficult breathing
- feeling sick (nausea), being sick (vomiting)
- loss of appetite

**Contact a doctor immediately** if you get a combination of these symptoms.

You may need to avoid using this product altogether or limit the amount of paracetamol that you take.

#### **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]) or **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.

Please inform your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking flucloxacillin (antibiotic), due to a serious risk of blood and fluid abnormality (high anion gap metabolic acidosis) that must have urgent treatment and which may occur particularly in case of severe renal impairment, sepsis (when bacteria and their toxins circulate in the blood leading to organ damage), malnutrition, chronic alcoholism, and if the maximum daily doses of paracetamol are used.

### **Pregnancy and breastfeeding**

If necessary, Panadol tablets can be used during **pregnancy**. You should use the lowest possible dose for the shortest time possible. Contact your doctor if the pain and/or fever are not reduced. You can take this product whilst **breastfeeding**.

### **Important information about some of the ingredients of Panadol Extra Soluble tablets**

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you need 1 or more tablets daily for a prolonged period, especially if you have been advised to follow a low salt (sodium) diet. If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this product.

### **3. How to take Panadol tablets**

#### **Adults (including the elderly) and children aged 16 years and over:**

Take 1-2 tablets every 4 to 6 hours as required

#### **Children 10 to 15 years:**

Give 1 tablet every 4 to 6 hours as required. Do not give to children for more than 3 days without consulting a doctor.

#### **Children under 10 years:**

Do not give to children under 10 years.

- **Contains paracetamol**
- **Do not take more than the recommended dose.**
- **Do not take more frequently than every 4 hours.**
- **Do not take more than 4 doses in 24 hours.**
- **If symptoms persist consult your doctor.**
- **Prolonged use except under medical supervision may be harmful.**
- **Always use the lowest effective dose to relieve your symptoms.**

#### **If you take too many tablets**

**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.

### **4. Possible side effects**

Like all medicines, Panadol tablets can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. Very rare cases of serious skin reactions have been reported.

#### **Stop taking this medicine and tell your doctor immediately if you experience:**

- you experience serious skin reactions, very rare cases of which have been reported.
- 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.

These reactions are very rare.

### 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 website: [www.hpra.ie](http://www.hpra.ie). By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

## **5. How to store and dispose of Panadol tablets**

### **Keep out of the sight and reach of children.**

Store below 30°C.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date (EXP) which is stated on the outer carton and the blisters. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

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.

## **6. Further information**

### **Panadol tablets contains the Optizorb™ formulation:**

**Active ingredient** Each tablet contains Paracetamol 500mg.

**Other ingredients** Pregelatinised starch, calcium carbonate, alginic acid, crospovidone, povidone (K-25), magnesium stearate, colloidal anhydrous silica, opadry white (YS-1-7003), which contains titanium dioxide, hypromellose, macrogol, polysorbate 80 and carnauba wax.

Panadol tablets are white, capsule shaped, film-coated tablets with a “P” within a circle on one face and a ‘-’ on both sides of the breakline on the other. The tablet can be divided into two equal halves.

Panadol tablets are produced in packs of 6, 12, 24, 48 or 96 tablets. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

**The product Authorisation holder** is Haleon Ireland Limited, 12 Riverwalk, Citywest Business Campus, Dublin 24, Ireland and all enquiries should be sent to this address.

**The manufacturer** is GlaxoSmithKline Dungarvan Ltd., Knockbrack, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford, Ireland.

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