

Package leaflet: Information for the user**Wecol Paediatric 6.9 g, powder for oral solution**

Macrogol 3350, sodium chloride, sodium hydrogen carbonate, potassium chloride

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you give this medicine to your child because it contains important information for you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for your child. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as your child's.
- If you or your child notice any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

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1. What Wecol Paediatric is and what it is used for

Wecol Paediatric is a laxative.

This medicine is used to treat:

- chronic constipation in children aged 2-11 years.
- impaction in children from 5 years. Impaction is persistent constipation, where a large volume of stools cause a blockage of the rectum and / or colon.

A medicine with a higher dose is recommended for children over the age of 12.

2. What you need to know before you give Wecol Paediatric

Do not give Wecol Paediatric to your child if your doctor has told you that your child:

- is allergic to Macrogol 3350, sodium chloride, sodium hydrogen carbonate, potassium chloride, or any of the other ingredients in this medicine (listed in section 6).
- has a blockage in their intestine.
- has a perforated gut wall.
- has a severe inflammatory bowel disease like ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease or toxic megacolon.

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before giving Wecol Paediatric to your child if your child has heart or kidney problems, an impaired gag reflex, difficulty swallowing or suffers from heartburn.

When taking Wecol Paediatric your child should continue to take plenty of fluids. The fluid content of Wecol Paediatric should not replace your child's regular liquid intake.

Other medicines and Wecol Paediatric

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if your child is taking, has recently taken or might take any other medicines.

Some medicines, such as medicines for epilepsy, may be less effective during use of Wecol Paediatric. When taking large volumes of Wecol Paediatric, (e.g. for faecal impaction), other medicines may be flushed through your digestive system. Your child should not take any other medicines by mouth together with Wecol Paediatric and for one hour before and for one hour after taking Wecol Paediatric.

If you need to thicken fluids in order for your child to swallow them safely, Wecol Paediatric may counteract the effect of the thickener.

Giving Wecol Paediatric with food and drink

This medicine can be given at any time with or without food or drink.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Wecol Paediatric can be used during pregnancy and breastfeeding. Ask your pharmacist or doctor for advice before giving Wecol Paediatric.

Wecol Paediatric contains potassium

This medicine contains 0.31 mmol (12.22 mg) potassium per sachet. To be taken into consideration by patients with reduced kidney function or patients on a controlled potassium diet.

Wecol Paediatric contains sodium

This medicine contains 93.86 mg sodium (main component of cooking/table salt) in each sachet. This is equivalent to 4.69% of the recommended maximum daily dietary intake of sodium for an adult. May need to be taken into consideration by patients on a sodium controlled diet.

Wecol Paediatric contains sorbitol (E420)

This medicine contains 0.38 mg sorbitol (E420) in each sachet.

3. How to use Wecol Paediatric

Always give this medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Chronic Constipation:

The recommended dose depends on your child's age and their response to treatment.

- For children aged 2 to 6 years, start with a dose of 1 sachet each day.
- For children aged 7 to 11 years, start with a dose of 2 sachets each day.

Your doctor may tell you to increase the number of sachets taken until your child has a soft bowel movement. If the dose needs increasing, do this every other day. Normally, no more than 4 sachets are needed each day.

Your child does not need to drink the whole dose at once. If your child prefers, half the dose can be drunk in the morning and half in the evening.

Faecal impaction:

Before your child takes Wecol Paediatric for faecal impaction, your doctor must check to confirm that your child has this condition.

The recommended dose is:

Age	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
5-11	4 sachets	6 sachets	8 sachets	10	12	12	12

years				sachets	sachets	sachets	sachets
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On each day, doses can be spread out over 12 hours (e.g. 8am – 8pm). You will know the medicine has worked when your child passes large volumes of stools and / or watery diarrhoea. Once the medicine has worked, treatment can be stopped.

To prevent further problems from faecal impaction, your doctor may advise that you continue to give this medicine to your child. You should give the dose for treating chronic constipation.

How to mix

- Tear open the sachet and pour the contents into a glass.
- Add about 62.5 ml or a quarter of a glass of water to the glass.
- Stir well until all the powder has dissolved and the solution is clear or slightly hazy, then give it to your child to drink.
- If your child is taking Wecol Paediatric for faecal impaction it may be easier to dissolve 12 sachets in 750 ml of water.

Duration of treatment

Chronic constipation:

Treatment needs to be for a prolonged period of time, at least 6 – 12 months.

Faecal impaction:

Treatment can be for up to 7 days.

If your child takes more Wecol Paediatric than they should

Your child may develop excessive diarrhoea. If this occurs, stop your child taking Wecol Paediatric and make sure they drink plenty of fluids. If you are worried contact your doctor or pharmacist.

If you forget to give Wecol Paediatric

Give the dose as soon as you remember. Do not give a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

4. Possible side effects

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

Stop giving Wecol Paediatric and tell your doctor immediately if your child has:

- a serious allergic reaction which causes difficulty in breathing, breathlessness or swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat.
- signs of a change in their body's fluid or electrolyte levels (salts levels such as high and low levels of potassium in the blood) such as swelling (mainly in the ankles), shortness of breath, feeling weak, increasingly tired or increased thirst with headache.

Other side effects include:

Very common side effects (may affect more than 1 in 10 people)

- stomach pains
- rumbling stomach

Common side effects (may affect up to 1 in 10 people):

- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick
- pain or discomfort around the bottom

If your child is being treated for **chronic constipation**, diarrhoea will usually improve when the dose is reduced.

Uncommon side effects (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)

- feeling bloated
- wind

- **Not known (frequency cannot be estimated from the available data)**allergic reactions which may cause a skin rash (hives), itching, reddening of the skin or a nettle rash
- indigestion, swollen hands, feet or ankles, headaches.

Reporting of side effects

If your child gets any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. 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 Wecol Paediatric

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the sachet and carton. The expiry date refers to the last day of the month.

Do not store your Wecol Paediatric above 25°C.

Once you have made up Wecol Paediatric in water, if your child cannot drink it straight away, keep it covered and in the fridge (2 – 8°C). Throw away any solution not used within 24 hours.

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 Wecol Paediatric contains**

One sachet of Wecol Paediatric contains the following active ingredients:

- Macrogol 3350	6.563 g
- Sodium chloride	0.1754 g
- Sodium hydrogen carbonate	0.0893 g
- Potassium chloride	0.0233 g

When the sachet contents are dissolved in a quarter of a glass (62.5 ml) of water, each sachet gives the equivalent of:

- Sodium	65 millimoles/litre
- Chloride	53 millimoles/litre
- Hydrogen carbonate	17 millimoles/litre
- Potassium	5.0 millimoles/litre

The other ingredients are colloidal anhydrous silica, saccharin sodium, orange flavour and lemon lime flavour. The flavourings contain sorbitol (E420) and alpha-tocopherol (E307).

This medicinal product contains potassium, sodium and sorbitol (E420). See section 2 'Wecol Paediatric contains potassium/sodium/sorbitol (E420)'.

What Wecol Paediatric looks like and contents of the pack

Wecol Paediatric is a white powder which comes in a sachet.

Wecol Paediatric is available in boxes of 30, 40, 50, 60 or 100 sachets. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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This medicinal product is authorised in the Member States of the EEA under the following names:

Ireland	Wecol Paediatric
Iceland	CosmoCol Paediatric
Malta	CosmoCol Paediatric

For any information about this medicine, please contact the Marketing Authorisation Holder.

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