

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET

Panadol Extra

Film-coated tablets
500mg Paracetamol
65mg Caffeine

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 Extra tablets carefully to get the best results from them.

- Keep this leaflet, you may need to read it again.
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice.
- You must contact a doctor if your symptoms worsen or do not improve.
- If any of the side effects get serious, or you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

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1. What Panadol Extra tablets do

Panadol Extra tablets are used for the relief of headache, backache, rheumatic pain, muscle pain, neuralgia, toothache and period pain. They also relieve discomfort in colds, flu and sore throat and help reduce temperature. The tablets contain two active ingredients. Paracetamol is a painkiller and reduces your temperature when you have a fever. Caffeine acts to further help the effectiveness of paracetamol.

2. Check before you take Panadol Extra tablets

Do not take Panadol Extra tablets:

- **If you have ever had an allergic reaction** to paracetamol, caffeine or to any of the other ingredients (listed in Section 6).
- If you are taking any **other medicines containing paracetamol.**
- If you are under **12 years of age.**

Check with your doctor before you use if you:

- have **liver** or **kidney** problems, including **alcoholic liver disease**
- are **underweight (<50kg)** or malnourished
- **regularly drink alcohol**
- suffer from severe **dehydration**
- are taking medicines that affect your **liver**
- 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 (see Section 3).

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** (for **high 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. But you can still take **occasional** doses of Panadol Extra tablets at the same time as anticoagulants.

This product is not recommended if you are taking **lithium**.

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

Not recommended during pregnancy or breastfeeding, unless recommended by your doctor.

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 Extra tablets

Adults ,elderly and children aged 16 years and over:

Take 2 tablets, with water every 4 hours as required, but no more than 8 tablets in 24 hours.

Do not take more than 8 tablets in 24 hours.

Do not take more than 4 tablets a day in the following situations, unless directed by your doctor:

- Weight less than 50kg
- Chronic alcoholism
- Dehydration
- Chronic malnutrition

Children 12 to 15 years:

Take 1 tablet with water every 4 hours as required, but no more than 4 tablets in 24 hours. This medicine is not suitable for children under 12 years of age.

- **Contains paracetamol**
- **Do not take any other paracetamol-containing products.**
- **Do not take more frequently than every 4 hours.**
- **Do not exceed the maximum recommended dose, see above.**
- **If you have a high fever, or if symptoms get worse or persist for longer than 3 days, consult your doctor.**
- **Prolonged use except under medical supervision may be harmful.**
- **Avoid too much caffeine in drinks like coffee and tea. High caffeine intake can cause difficulty sleeping, shaking and an uncomfortable feeling in the chest.**
- **Always use the lowest effective dose to relieve your symptoms. If your symptoms continue or your headache becomes persistent, see your doctor**

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 Extra 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:

Very Rare (affects less than 1 in 10,000 people)

- allergic reactions such as skin rash or itching, sometimes with breathing problems or swelling of the lips, tongue, throat or face.
- a skin rash or peeling, or mouth ulcers.
- or have previously experienced breathing problems with aspirin or non-steroidal anti-inflammatories, and experience a similar reaction with this product.
- unexpected bruising or bleeding.
- changes in blood tests that measure the function of your liver.

Other side effects include: insomnia, restlessness, anxiety, irritability, headaches, upset stomach, palpitations, nervousness and dizziness

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

5. How to store Panadol Extra tablets

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

Store below 25°C. Store in the original packaging. Do not use this medicine after the expiry date (EXP) shown on the carton and 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 protect the environment

6. Further information

Panadol Extra tablets are white to off white oval shaped coated tablets debossed “xPx” with P inside a circle on one side.

Active ingredient Each tablet contains Paracetamol 500mg and Caffeine 65mg.

Other ingredients Starch pregelatinised, Povidone K-25, Calcium carbonate, Crospovidone, Microcrystalline cellulose, Alginic acid and Magnesium stearate.

Film coat Titanium dioxide, Hypromellose, Macrogol and Polysorbate 80.

Polishing agent Carnauba wax. Packs of Panadol Extra tablets contain 4, 6, 12, 24, 30, 48, 60 and 96 tablets in blister strips. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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