

PACKAGE LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER**Fybogel Mebeverine****Granules for Oral Suspension****Ispaghula husk 3.5g****Mebeverine hydrochloride 135mg**

Read all of this leaflet carefully because it contains important information for you.

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 you get 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 FYBOGEL MEBEVERINE IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR

Fybogel Mebeverine contains ispaghula husk, which is a natural plant material which is high in fibre. Ispaghula husk increases fibre in your diet helping your digestive system work more efficiently and gently relieve constipation in a natural way helping to restore and maintain regularity. Mebeverine is an antispasmodic drug which relieves spasms and cramps, which occur in the gut causing pain.

This product is used to relieve symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome. If you have irritable bowel syndrome, you are likely to suffer from painful spasms of the gut and irregular bowel habits. Fybogel Mebeverine is effective in relaxing the spasms of the gut, relieving pain. At the same time Fybogel Mebeverine will help you to restore and maintain bowel regularity.

2. WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU USE FYBOGEL MEBEVERINE

Do not take Fybogel Mebeverine if you

- are suffering from a **blockage of the bowel** (intestinal obstruction or faecal impaction)
- have **muscle weakness of the bowel wall** (colonic atony)
- are **allergic** to ispaghula husk or mebeverine (See section 2 "Warnings and precautions) or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (see section 6)
- have chronic conditions that affect bowel movements
- have difficulty in swallowing or any throat problems
- have a sudden change in bowel habit that has persisted more than 2 weeks
- have structural narrowing of your gut
- have undiagnosed rectal bleeding following the use of a laxative.
- Failure to pass a bowel motion following the use of a laxative

Warnings and precautions:**Talk to your pharmacist before taking Fybogel Mebeverine:**

A change of diet should always be considered first in the management of irritable bowel syndrome. It is recommended that the use of a bulk laxative alone should be tried before using Fybogel Mebeverine.

If this is the first time you have had these symptoms, consult your doctor before using Fybogel Mebeverine, as it may not be the right treatment for you.

Consult your doctor if you develop symptoms such as chest pain, fever, nausea, vomiting, difficulty in swallowing or breathing, changes in bowel movements, abdominal tenderness, bleeding from the bowel, loss of appetite or weight loss. Consult your doctor if your symptoms worsen, or if they do not improve after two weeks of treatment.

Fybogel Mebeverine is not recommended for children under 12 years

Do not take this product immediately before sleep.

Always ensure that adequate fluid intake is maintained and that the product is always taken with fluid (approx. 8 fluid ounces or 240mL of water or other liquid per sachet).

Medical supervision is required for debilitated and/ or elderly patients when taking Fybogel Mebeverine.

If you are a healthcare worker or care giver who has been preparing for administration products with powder of plantago ovata seeds to patients for a long time, you might have become allergic to these products due to continued inhalation of the powder. In cases where these symptoms (listed in section 4) are confirmed as allergic, do not use the product (see in this section, "Do not use").

Fybogel Mebeverine contains 2.57 mmol (or 59.08mg) sodium per sachet. To be taken into consideration by patients on a controlled sodium diet.

Fybogel Mebeverine contains 2.50 mmol (or 97.75mg) potassium per sachet. To be taken into consideration by patients with reduced kidney function or patients on a controlled potassium diet.

Contains a source of phenylalanine. May be harmful for people with phenylketonuria.

Other medicines and Fybogel Mebeverine

This product should not be used together with other medicinal products known to inhibit peristaltic movement of the bowel, e.g. opioids (morphine). If the peristaltic action of the gut is reduced, there is potential for intestinal obstruction or blockage.

This product may delay or reduce the absorption of other drugs such as blood thinning agents, some heart drugs, carbamazepine, lithium, or vitamins (such as vitamin B12) and minerals (such as calcium, iron, or zinc). For this reason the product should not be taken ½ to 1 hour before or after intake of other medicinal

products. If you are diabetic or taking thyroid hormones speak to your doctor before taking this product as you may need your dosage to be adjusted.

Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine. This medicine should not be used during pregnancy unless considered essential by the physician and should not be used in breast-feeding.

Driving and using machines.

There are no known effects on driving and use of machines

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3. HOW TO TAKE FYBOGEL MEBEVERINE

Stir the contents of a sachet into a glass of cold water (approximately 240 mls minimum) and drink immediately.

Fybogel Mebeverine must be taken with an adequate amount of liquid, as directed. Blockage of the gut may occur if the granules are not prepared with enough liquid.

Do not take Fybogel Mebeverine without water.

Dosage: *Adults and children over 12:* should take Fybogel Mebeverine half an hour before a meal, one sachet in the morning and one in the evening, or as prescribed by your doctor. If necessary, an additional sachet may be taken before the midday meal. Fybogel Mebeverine is not recommended for children under 12 years.

The last dose should not be taken immediately before going to sleep.

Effects may take several hours. When preparing the product for administration, it is important to try to avoid inhaling any of the powder in order to minimise the risk of sensitisation to the active ingredient.

If you miss a dose

Simply continue with your treatment when the next dose is due.

If you take more Fybogel Mebeverine than you should

Drink plenty of water. You may notice abdominal discomfort, flatulence, and attention should be paid to maintaining fluid intake, particularly if the granules have been taken without water contrary to dosage instructions. Contact your doctor or attend the nearest casualty department immediately.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

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

Oesophageal obstruction or intestinal obstruction may occur.

This product contains substances which may lead to allergic reactions after use including runny nose, redness of the eye, difficulty in breathing, skin reactions, itching, and in some cases anaphylaxis (a sudden, generalised allergic reaction that may lead to life-threatening shock). Individuals manipulating the powder formulations routinely are more prone to these reactions (see section 2).

In the event of an allergic reaction stop taking or preparing Fybogel Mebeverine and seek advice from your doctor or pharmacist immediately.

The frequency of the above side effects is not known.

Flatulence and bloating may be expected during the first few days of treatment but diminish during continued treatment.

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, Earlsfort Terrace, IRL – Dublin 2;

Tel: +353 1 6764971; Fax: +353 1 6762517.

Website: www.hpra.ie; e-mail: medsafety@hpra.ie.

5. HOW TO STORE FYBOGEL MEBEVERINE

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not store above 30°C. Store in the original package.

Do not use after the expiry date shown on the pack (EXP month/year). 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. CONTENTS OF THE PACK AND OTHER INFORMATION

Each single dose of granules contains 3.5g Ispaghula Husk and 135mg Mebeverine Hydrochloride. These are the active ingredients (which make the product work).

The other ingredients are potassium hydrogen carbonate, sodium hydrogen carbonate, microcrystalline cellulose, basic butylated methacrylate copolymer,, sterilised talc, macrogol, citric acid, polysorbate 80, silica colloidal anhydrous, saccharin sodium, aspartame E951, orange flavour, beta-carotene (E160a) 10% CWS/S (contains: Beta carotene, All-rac-alpha-tocopherol, Maize oil refined, Maize Starch and Modified food starch), riboflavin sodium phosphate and apo-carotenal colouring

What Fybogel Mebeverine looks like and contents of the pack

Fybogel Mebeverine are buff coloured granules and orange coloured spheroids.

Available in a carton containing 2, or 10 sachets.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

Marketing Authorisation Holder and Manufacturer

MA Holder: Reckitt Benckiser Ireland, Ltd., 7 Riverwalk, Citywest Business Campus, Dublin 24, Ireland.

Manufacturer: Reckitt Benckiser Healthcare (UK) Ltd., Dansom Lane, Hull HU8 7DS, UK.

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