

Package leaflet: Information for the user

Distaclor LA Forte 500mg prolonged release tablets
Cefaclor

The name of your medicine is Distaclor LA Forte 500mg prolonged release tablets, which will be referred to as Distaclor LA Forte throughout this document.

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine 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 you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- 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 Distaclor LA Forte are and what they are used for

Distaclor LA Forte are a long acting tablet. They contain the active ingredient cefaclor, which is an antibiotic.

Distaclor LA Forte is used to treat the following infections caused by bacteria that can be killed by cefaclor:

- Bronchitis
- Infection of lung tissue (pneumonia)
- Bladder (cystitis) and kidney infections
- Throat infections including tonsillitis and pharyngitis
- Skin and soft tissue (e.g. muscle) infections.

2 What you need to know before you take Distaclor LA Forte

Do not take Distaclor LA Forte if

- you are allergic (hypersensitive) to cefaclor, any cephalosporin (other similar antibiotics) or any of the other ingredients of Distaclor LA Forte (these are listed in Section 6 of this leaflet). An allergic reaction may include rash, itching, difficulty breathing or swelling of the face, lips, throat or tongue.

Warnings and Precautions

Talk to your doctor before taking Distaclor LA Forte if you

- have had an allergic reaction to penicillins or other drugs in the past
- have diarrhoea while taking antibiotics.

Other medicines and Distaclor LA Forte

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take, any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription. This is especially important for the following, as they may interact with your Distaclor LA Forte:

- warfarin (a blood thinner)

- probenecid (a treatment for gout)
- antacids containing magnesium hydroxide or aluminium hydroxide, for heartburn and indigestion (these can be bought without prescription).

It may still be all right for you to be given Distaclor LA Forte and your doctor will be able to decide what is suitable for you.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

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.

Driving and using machines

Distaclor LA Forte should not affect your ability to drive or use machines.

3 How to take Distaclor LA Forte

Always take Distaclor LA Forte exactly as your doctor has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

The tablets should not be cut, crushed or chewed.

Dosage

Adults and the elderly:

The usual daily dose can be from 375mg to 750mg twice daily.

Your doctor will decide how many tablets you should take.

Patients with a severe kidney disorder or patients receiving dialysis may need a different dose.

Use in children:

Distaclor LA Forte are not recommended for children.

If you take more Distaclor LA Forte than you should

Go to the nearest accident and emergency department or tell your doctor straight away.

If you forget to take Distaclor LA Forte

If you miss a dose, take one as soon as you can. If you have missed several doses, tell your doctor.

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

4 Possible side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. All medicines can cause allergic reactions, although serious allergic reactions are very rare. **Tell your doctor immediately if you get any sudden wheeziness, difficulty in breathing, swelling of the eyelids, face, lips or limbs, rash or itching (especially affecting your whole body).**

Serious side effects

The following side effects are serious. You should stop taking this medicine and contact your doctor immediately if you experience them:

- serious peeling or blistering of the skin
- severe diarrhoea, possibly with blood or mucus.

The following side effects have been reported

- diarrhoea
- feeling sick (nausea)
- vomiting
- measles-like rash, (alone)
- itching
- red wheals on the skin (urticaria) (alone)

- rash with wide spread joint pain and / or stiffness, swollen lymph glands, fever and, possibly, cloudy urine
- swollen arms or legs
- breathlessness
- changes in blood counts, which may show up as bruising or a very tired feeling. You will need a blood test to confirm this.
- damage to your liver or kidneys which can only be detected by a blood and / or urine test
- jaundice (yellow skin and eyes)
- weakness
- pins and needles in the hands or feet
- fainting
- abnormally excitable behaviour
- agitation
- nervousness
- sleeplessness
- confusion
- tight muscles
- dizziness
- seeing or hearing things (hallucinations)
- itching of the vagina caused by thrush (candidiasis).

If you get 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, Earlsfort Terrace, IRL - Dublin 2, Tel: +353 1 6764971, Fax: +353 1 6762517, www.hpra.ie; E-mail: medsafety@hpra.ie. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5 How to store Distaclor LA Forte

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 blister and the carton. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not store above 25°C.

Store in the original container.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines you no longer use. These measures will help to protect the environment.

6 Contents of the pack and other information

What Distaclor LA Forte contain

The active substance is cefaclor. Each Distaclor LA Forte tablet contains cefaclor monohydrate equivalent to 500mg of cefaclor.

The other ingredients are:

mannitol (E421), hypromellose (E464), hyprolose, methacrylic acid copolymer (Type C), stearic acid, magnesium stearate (E572), titanium dioxide (E171), macrogol, propylene glycol (E1520), indigo carmine aluminium lake (E132) and talc.

The edible printing ink contains N-Butyl alcohol, shellac (E904), black iron oxide (E172) and indigo carmine aluminium lake (E132).

What Distaclor LA Forte look like and contents of the pack

Distaclor LA Forte is packaged in foil blister packs of 2 or 14.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

Distaclor LA Forte is a blue, capsule-shaped, film-coated tablet.

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