

## **Package leaflet: information for the user**

### **paracetamol cinfa 1 g tablets**

**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 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.

#### **What is in this leaflet**

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#### **1. What paracetamol cinfa is and what it is used for**

Paracetamol cinfa belongs to a group of medicines called analgesics and antipyretics.

It is used for the symptomatic treatment of mild to moderate pain and fever in adults and adolescents over 15 years of age and weighing over 50 kg.

#### **2. What you need to know before you take paracetamol cinfa Do not take paracetamol cinfa**

- If you are allergic to paracetamol or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).

#### **Warnings and precautions**

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking paracetamol cinfa.

- Do not take more than the dose recommended in section 3, "How to take paracetamol cinfa".
- Simultaneous use of this medicine with other medicines containing paracetamol, such as medicines for the common cold, should be avoided, since high paracetamol doses may damage the liver. Do not use more than one medicine containing paracetamol without first consulting the doctor.
- Chronic alcoholics should take care not to take more than 2 g of paracetamol in 24 hours.
- Because it contains 1 g of paracetamol, patients with kidney disease cannot take this medicine. Patients with liver, heart or lung diseases and patients with anaemia must consult their doctor before taking this medicine.
- When being treated with a medicine for epilepsy you should consult your doctor before taking this medicine because when used at the same time, there is reduced efficacy and increased liver toxicity of paracetamol, especially in treatments with high doses of paracetamol.
- Talk to your doctor before taking this medicine if you have asthma and are sensitive to aspirin.
- Paracetamol may cause serious skin reactions such as *acute generalised exanthematous pustulosis* (AGEP), Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS) or toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), that may prove fatal. Patients are to be informed about the signs of serious skin reactions, and the

medicine should be suspended at the first sign of skin rash or any other sign of hypersensitivity.

### **Children and adolescents**

Because of its paracetamol dose, this medicine should not be used in children or adolescents under 15 years of age (and weighing less than 50 kg). Ask your doctor or pharmacist about the other available presentations allowing adequate dosing in such patients.

### **Interaction with laboratory tests**

If you are going to have a laboratory test (including blood or urine tests, etc.), tell the doctor that you are taking this medicine, since it can alter the test results.

Paracetamol may alter the values of the laboratory test measurements of uric acid and glucose.

### **Other medicines and paracetamol cinfa**

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines.

In particular, if you are using any of the following medicines, since it may be necessary to modify the dose of some of them or discontinue the treatment:

- Medicines to prevent blood clots: Oral anticoagulants (acenocoumarol, warfarin).
- Medicines to treat epilepsy: Antiepileptic agents (lamotrigine, phenytoin or other hydantoin, phenobarbital, methylphenobarbital, primidone, carbamazepine).
- Medicines to treat tuberculosis (isoniazid, rifampicin).
- Medicines to treat depression and seizures: Barbiturates (used as hypnotics, sedatives and anticonvulsants).
- Medicines used to lower blood cholesterol (cholestyramine).
- Medicines used to increase urine output (loop diuretics such as furosemide).
- Medicines used to treat gout (probenecid and sulphapyrazole).
- Medicines used to prevent nausea and vomiting: metoclopramide and domperidone.
- Medicines used to treat high blood pressure (hypertension) and heart rhythm abnormalities (arrhythmias): propranolol.

### **Paracetamol cinfa with food, drink and alcohol**

The use of paracetamol by patients who regularly consume alcohol (three or more alcoholic beverages - beer, wine, spirits - a day) may cause liver damage.

Taking this medicine with food does not affect its efficacy.

### **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.

If necessary, paracetamol cinfa can be used during pregnancy. It is important to use the lowest possible dose that reduces the pain or fever and it should be used for as short a time as possible. Talk to your doctor if the pain or fever does not decrease or if you need to take the medicine more often.

Paracetamol enters breast milk and, therefore, breast-feeding women should ask their doctor or pharmacist before taking this medicine.

### **Driving and using machines**

Paracetamol has no or negligible influence on the ability to drive and use machines.

## **3. How to take paracetamol cinfa**

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

This medicine is taken orally.

According to your preference, tablets should be swallowed directly or split into two and taken with a glass of liquid, preferably water.

The recommended dose is:

*Adults and adolescents over 15 years of age and weighing over 50 kg*

The recommended dose is one or half a tablet (1 g - 500 mg of paracetamol), as required. At least 4 hours should be left between doses. More than 4 tablets (4 g) must not be taken in 24 hours.

*Elderly patients*

Your doctor will tell you the frequency and whether the dose needs to be reduced.

*Patients with liver diseases*

You should take the minimum amount of medicine prescribed by your doctor and leave at least 8 h between each dose. You must not take more than 2 grams of paracetamol in 24 hours, distributed over 2 doses.

*Patients with kidney diseases*

Consult your doctor before taking this medicine. The maximum quantity is half a tablet (500 mg) per dose. Depending on your illness, your doctor will tell you whether the medicine should be taken with an interval of at least 6 or 8 hours.

Do not take more than 2 grams of paracetamol in 24 hours in several doses, and in no case should the quantity exceed 500 mg per dose.

### **Children and adolescents**

Do not use in children under the age of 15

The tablet can be divided into equal doses.

This medicine should only be taken when the symptoms (pain or fever) are present. As the symptoms subside, the treatment should be discontinued.

High daily doses of paracetamol for long periods of time are to be avoided, since they increase the risk of adverse effects such as liver damage.

If the pain lasts for more than 5 days, the fever for more than 3 days, or either the pain or fever worsens or other symptoms appear, you should consult your doctor and reassess the clinical situation.

### **If you take more paracetamol than you should**

In case of an overdose or accidental ingestion, notify your doctor or pharmacist immediately or call the Toxicology Information Service, telephone +34 91 562 04 20, specifying the medicine and the amount ingested.

The symptoms of overdose may be: dizziness, vomiting, loss of appetite, yellow colouring of the skin and the eyes (jaundice), and abdominal pain.

In the event of an overdose, quickly report to a medical centre even if there are no symptoms, since these often only appear up to three days later, even in cases of severe intoxication.

In the event of overdose, its treatment is more effective if started within four hours after the overdose.

In patients treated with barbiturates, or in patients with chronic alcoholism, a paracetamol overdose may be more toxic than in the rest of patients.

**If you forget to take paracetamol cinfa**

Do not take a double dose to make up for missed doses, just take the forgotten dose when you remember and take subsequent doses with the time between doses indicated in each case (at least four hours).

**If you stop taking paracetamol cinfa**

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.

The possible side effects are:

Rare side effects (can affect 1 out of every 1000 people): malaise, lowered blood pressure (hypotension) and increased blood transaminase levels.

Very rare side effects (can affect up to 1 out of every 10,000 people): kidney diseases, cloudy urine, allergic dermatitis (skin rash), jaundice (yellow skin colour), blood abnormalities (agranulocytosis, leukopenia, neutropenia, haemolytic anaemia) and hypoglycaemia (low blood sugar). Very rarely cases of severe skin reactions have been reported.

Paracetamol may damage the liver when taken at high doses or during prolonged treatments.

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

**Reporting of side effects**

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you experience any kind of side effects, even if they are not listed in this leaflet. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

**5. How to store paracetamol cinfa**

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

Do not store at a temperature above 25°C.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the container after “EXP”. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

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 paracetamol cinfa contains**

The active substance is paracetamol.

The other ingredients are: gluten-free pregelatinised corn starch, stearic acid, povidone, crospovidone, microcrystalline cellulose and magnesium stearate (vegetable origin).

**What the product looks like and contents of the pack**

Paracetamol cinfa 1 g tablets are supplied in the form of oblong, biconvex scored white tablets for administration via the oral route.

The product is supplied in packs containing 20 tablets.

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