

PACKAGE LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER

ALLEGRA 120MG

FILM-COATED TABLETS

FEXOFENADINE HYDROCHLORIDE

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• 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 •

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1. WHAT ALLEGRA IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR

Allegra contains fexofenadine hydrochloride, which is an antihistamine. Allegra is used in adults and adolescents of 12 years and older to relieve the symptoms that occur with hay fever (seasonal allergic rhinitis) such as sneezing, itchy, runny or blocked nose and itchy, red and watery eyes.

2. WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU TAKE ALLEGRA

Do not take Allegra

- if you are allergic to fexofenadine or any of the other ingredients of this medicine

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Allegra if:

- you have problems with your liver or kidneys
- you have or ever had heart disease, since this kind of medicine may lead to a fast or irregular heart beat
- you are elderly

If any of these apply to you, or if you are not sure, tell your doctor before taking Allegra.

Other medicines and Allegra

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

Indigestion remedies containing aluminium and magnesium may affect the action of Allegra, by lowering the amount of medicinal product absorbed.

It is recommended that you leave about 2 hours between the time that you take Allegra and your indigestion remedy.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine. Do not take Allegra if you are pregnant, unless necessary.

Allegra is not recommended during breast-feeding.

Driving and using machines

Allegra is unlikely to affect your ability to drive or operate machinery. However, you should check that these tablets do not make you feel sleepy or dizzy before driving or operating machinery.

3. HOW TO TAKE ALLEGRA

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

For adults and children aged 12 years and over The recommended dose is one tablet (120 mg) daily. Take your tablet with water before a meal.

If you take more Allegra than you should

If you take too many tablets, contact your doctor or the nearest hospital emergency department immediately. Symptoms of an overdose in adults are dizziness, drowsiness, fatigue and dry mouth.

IF YOU FORGET TO TAKE ALLEGRA

doctor or pharmacist.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

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

Tell your doctor immediately and stop taking Allegra if you experience:

- swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat and difficulty breathing, as these may be signs of a serious allergic reaction.

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

- headache
- drowsiness
- feeling sick (nausea)
- dizziness.

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

- tiredness
- sleepiness.

Additional side effects (frequency not known: cannot be estimated from the available data) which may occur are:

- difficulty sleeping (insomnia)
- sleeping disorders
- bad dreams
- nervousness
- fast or irregular heart beat
- diarrhoea
- skin rash and itching
- hives
- serious allergic reactions which can cause swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat, flushing, chest tightness, and difficulty breathing.

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.

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

5. HOW TO STORE ALLEGRA

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use Allegra after the expiry date which is stated on the carton after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

This medicinal product does not require any special storage condition. 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.

If the tablets become discoloured or show any other sign of deterioration, seek the advice of your pharmacist.

Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten tablet.

Take the next dose at the usual time as prescribed by your doctor.

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