

Package leaflet: Information for the patient

Panadol Cold & Flu Hot Blackcurrant Powder for Oral Solution Paracetamol 600mg Ascorbic Acid 40mg PA 678/011/002

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

Always take this medicine as described in this leaflet or as your healthcare professional has told you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice.
- 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.
- You must talk to a doctor if you do not feel better or if you feel worse after three days.

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1. What Panadol Cold & Flu Hot Blackcurrant is and what it is used for

Panadol Cold & Flu Hot Blackcurrant contains paracetamol and ascorbic acid (Vitamin C). **Paracetamol** is a pain killing drug that also helps to reduce your temperature when you have a fever. The Vitamin C supplements your natural Vitamin C levels which may drop when you have a viral infection like a cold.

Panadol Cold & Flu Hot Blackcurrant provides relief from the symptoms of flu, fever, chills and feverish colds including headache, aches and pains. It also provides relief of period pains, toothache and musculoskeletal disorders.

Not suitable for children under 16 years old.

2. What you need to know before you take Panadol Cold & Flu Hot Blackcurrant

DO NOT take Panadol Cold & Flu Hot Blackcurrant if you:

- Are allergic to paracetamol, ascorbic acid (Vitamin C) or any of the other ingredients listed in Section 6. Suffer from severe liver or kidney problems
- Are taking any other paracetamol containing products.

Contains paracetamol. Taking too much paracetamol can cause serious harm to your liver.

Warnings and precautions:

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Panadol Cold & Flu Hot Blackcurrant:

- If you suffer from liver or kidney problems.
- If you have a **severe infection**, are severely malnourished, have low body weight (less than 50 kg) or are a chronic heavy alcohol user as this may increase the risk of **liver damage**.
- If you have glutathione deficiency
- If you have a high fever, or if symptoms get worse or persist for more than a few days.

During treatment with Panadol Cold & Flu Hot Blackcurrant, tell your doctor straight away:

- If you have severe illnesses, including severe renal impairment or sepsis (when bacteria and their toxins circulate in the blood leading to organ damage), or you suffer from malnutrition, chronic alcoholism or if you are also taking flucloxacillin (an antibiotic). A serious condition called metabolic acidosis (a blood and fluid abnormality) has been reported in patients in these situations when paracetamol is used at regular doses for a prolonged period or when paracetamol is taken together with flucloxacillin. Symptoms of metabolic acidosis may include: serious breathing difficulties with deep rapid breathing, drowsiness, feeling sick (nausea) and being sick (vomiting).

Contact a doctor immediately if you get a combination of these symptoms.

Children and adolescents

Panadol Cold & Flu Hot Blackcurrant should not be taken by children and adolescents under 16 years of age, except on medical advice.

Other medicines and Panadol Cold & Flu Hot Blackcurrant

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

- An antibiotic called chloramphenicol.
- Metoclopramide or domperidone used to treat nausea and vomiting.
- Cholestyramine used to lower your blood cholesterol.
- Medicines that thin the blood such as warfarin. Paracetamol may increase their effect.
- Any other medicines that might affect your liver.
- Flucloxacillin (antibiotic), due to a serious risk of blood and fluid abnormality (called metabolic acidosis) that must have urgent treatment (see section 2). Always check the leaflet that comes with your other medicine.

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

If necessary, Panadol Cold & Flu Hot Blackcurrant may be taken during pregnancy and breastfeeding. You should use the lowest possible dose that reduces your pain and/or your fever and use it for the shortest time possible. Contact your doctor if the pain and/or fever are not reduced or if you need to take the medicine more often.

Driving and using machines

Panadol Cold & Flu Hot Blackcurrant has not been shown to affect your ability to drive or operate machinery.

Panadol Cold & Flu Hot Blackcurrant contains sucrose, sodium and sulphites:

- Contains 4 g of sucrose per dose. Please talk to your doctor before taking this product if you have diabetes, or if you suffer from sugar intolerance or sugar absorption problems.
- Contains 170 mg sodium (main component of cooking/table salt) in each sachet. This is equivalent to 9% of the recommended maximum daily dietary intake of sodium for an adult. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you need 2 or more sachets daily for a prolonged period, especially if you have been advised to follow a low salt (sodium) diet.
- The colour in this product contains sulphites, which may rarely cause severe hypersensitivity and bronchospasm.

3. How to take Panadol Cold & Flu Hot Blackcurrant

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

Adults (including elderly) and children aged 16 years and over:

Dissolve one sachet of Panadol Cold & Flu Hot Blackcurrant in a cup or mug of hot water.

Take one sachet every 4 to 6 hours.

Do not take more frequently than every 4 hours.

Do not take more than 6 sachets in 24 hours.

Always use the lowest effective dose and shortest duration of treatment to relieve your symptoms.

NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE.

Do not exceed the stated dose. If symptoms persist consult your doctor. Prolonged use without medical supervision may be harmful. This product should be used when clearly necessary.

If you take more Panadol Cold & Flu Hot Blackcurrant than you should:

Immediate medical advice should be sought in the event of overdose because of the risk of irreversible liver damage.

Contact your doctor immediately and say exactly how much you have taken. Your doctor will advise you what to do. It is important to contact your doctor even if you feel well.

If you forget to take Panadol Cold & Flu Hot Blackcurrant:

Do **NOT** take a double dose to make up for a dose you have forgotten. You must allow at least 4 hours between doses.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, Panadol Cold & Flu Hot Blackcurrant can have 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 serious skin reactions, very rare cases of which have been reported.
- you experience allergic reactions such as skin rash or itching, sometimes with breathing problems or swelling of the lips, tongue, throat or face.
- you experience a skin rash or peeling of the skin, which may be accompanied by mouth ulcers.
- you have previously experienced breathing problems with aspirin or non-steroidal anti-inflammatories and experience a similar reaction to this product.
- you experience unexplained bruising or bleeding.
- you experience nausea, sudden weight loss, loss of appetite and yellowing of the eyes and skin.

These reactions are very rare.

A serious condition that can make blood more acidic (called metabolic acidosis), in patients with severe illness using paracetamol (see section 2). The frequency of this side effect is not known (cannot be estimated from the available data).

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, website: www.hpra.ie. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store and dispose of Panadol Cold & Flu Hot Blackcurrant

- Keep out of the sight and reach of children.
- Do not use this medicine after the expiry date (EXP) which is stated on the outer carton and sachets. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.
- Do not store this medicine above 25°C.
- 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. Contents of the pack and other information

What Panadol Cold & Flu Hot Blackcurrant contains:

Each sachet of Panadol Cold & Flu Hot Blackcurrant contains 600mg of paracetamol and 40mg of ascorbic acid (Vitamin C).

The sachets also contain citric acid anhydrous, sodium citrate, sucrose, saccharin sodium, sodium cyclamate, blackcurrant juice (spray dried), blackcurrant polyaromas, blackcurrant flavour and natural grapeskin colour (anthocyanin E163).

What Panadol Cold & Flu Hot Blackcurrant looks like and contents of the pack:

Panadol Cold & Flu Hot Blackcurrant is a pink powder with an odour of blackcurrant which comes in sachets. They are available in packs of 5 or 10 sachets.

Marketing Authorisation Holder and manufacturer

The Marketing Authorisation Holder is:

Haleon Ireland Limited, Clocherane, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford, Ireland and all enquiries should be sent to this address.

The Manufacturer is:

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