

## **PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET**

### **MEROCETS 1.4mg LOZENGES**

*Cetylpyridinium chloride*

#### **Is this leaflet hard to see or read? Phone 01 4035600 for help**

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you starting taking this medicine. because it contains important information for you.

Always take this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor or pharmacist or nurse 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 or nurse. 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.

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

1. What Merocets are and what they are used used for
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#### **1. What Merocets are and what they are used for**

These lozenges are used for the symptomatic relief of sore throats and other symptoms associated with minor irritations of the mouth and throat. Cetylpyridinium chloride has antiseptic properties.

#### **2. What you need to know before you take Merocets**

##### **Do not take Merocets and tell your doctor**

- If you are allergic to any of the ingredients in this product. See section 6.

#### **Warnings and Precautions**

##### **Take special care and check with your doctor or pharmacist**

- If you develop a fever or your sore throat worsens or persists for more than three days consult your doctor.
- If you suffer from diabetes mellitus, take into account the carbohydrate content.

### **Taking other medicines**

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines. This includes medicines obtained without a prescription, including herbal medicines. This is because Merocets can affect the way some other medicines work. Also, some other medicines can affect the way Merocets work.

### **Pregnancy and breastfeeding**

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine

### **Important information about some of the ingredients of Merocets**

Merocets contain sunset yellow (E110) and quinoline yellow (E104) which may cause allergic reactions.

Merocets contain glucose and sucrose. If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking these lozenges

## **3 How to take this medicine**

### **Adults, the elderly and children 6 years and over:**

- Allow a lozenge to dissolve slowly in the mouth.
- One lozenge every 3 hours as needed.

### **Children under 6 years:**

- Do not use in children under 6 years of age.

### **If you take too many lozenges**

If you take more of the lozenges than you should, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

## **4. Possible side effects**

As with all medicines, Merocets can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. The following side effects may happen with this medicine:

Very rare (may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people):

- Allergic skin reactions including hives

Not known (frequency cannot be estimated from the available data):

- Oral discomfort, including a burning sensation of the mouth

### **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](http://www.hpra.ie);

email: [medsafety@hpra.ie](mailto:medsafety@hpra.ie)

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

## **5. How to store this medicine**

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Do not store above 25°C. Store in the original container in order to protect from moisture.

Do not use this product after the expiry date shown on the pack.

If you find that you still have this medicine after its expiry date, return it to your local pharmacist who will dispose of it properly.

## **6. Contents of the pack and other information**

Each lozenge contains 1.4mg of the active ingredient cetylpyridinium chloride. They also contain sucrose, glucose liquid (82% solids), peppermint oil, sunset yellow (FD & C No. 6) E110, quinoline yellow (FD & C No. 10) E104.

Each pack contains 24 lozenges.

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