

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET

Merocets[®] *plus*

Lozenge

Cetylpyridinium Chloride 1.4mg, Menthol 5mg and Eucalyptus Oil 3mg

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you starts 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.

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1. What Merocets Plus are and what they are used for

Merocets Plus are lozenges that are used to provide relief from **sore throats** and **blocked noses**.

Merocets Plus contain cetylpyridinium chloride, menthol and eucalyptus oil. Cetylpyridinium chloride has antiseptic properties and menthol and eucalyptus help relieve nasal congestion.

2. What you need to know before you take this medicine

Do not take Merocets Plus

- If you are allergic to Cetylpyridinium Chloride, Menthol and Eucalyptus Oil or any of the other ingredients of this medicine listed in section 6. See 'Contents of the pack and other information' for the full list of ingredients.
- If you have been told by your doctor that you have intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicinal product

Talk to 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

Pregnancy and breast feeding

- Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any other medicine.

Important information about some of the ingredients of Merocets Plus

Merocets Plus contains sucrose and glucose. Patients with rare hereditary problems of fructose intolerance, glucose-galactose malabsorption or sucrose-isomaltase insufficiency should not take this medicine.

3. How to take Merocets Plus**Adults and children 6 years and over:**

Allow a lozenge to dissolve slowly in the mouth.
Take one lozenge every 3 hours as needed.

Children under 6 years:

Do not use in children under 6 years of age.

If you take more Merocets Plus than you should

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 Plus can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. The following side effects may happen with this medicine:

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

- Oral discomfort, including a burning sensation of the mouth
- Allergic skin reactions including hives

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;

email: 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 package in order to protect from moisture.

- Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and the blister 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 to protect the environment

6. Contents of the pack and other information

Each lozenge contains 1.4mg of the active ingredient cetylpyridinium chloride, 5mg of the active ingredient menthol and 3mg of the active ingredient eucalyptus oil. These lozenges also contain sucrose granular and glucose liquid.

Each pack contains 24 off-white, round, plain lozenges with a menthol/eucalyptus flavour.

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