



Package Leaflet: Information for the patient

Movicol Ready to Take oral solution in sachet

(Macrogol 3350, Sodium Chloride, Sodium Hydrogen Carbonate, Potassium Chloride)

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 further questions, ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.
- 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, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

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1. What Movicol Ready to Take is and what it is used for

The name of this medicine is Movicol Ready to Take oral solution in sachet. It is a laxative for the treatment of constipation in adolescents, adults and older people. It is not recommended for children below 12 years of age.

Movicol Ready to Take helps you to have a comfortable bowel movement even if you have been constipated for a long time. Movicol Ready to Take also works in very bad constipation called faecal impaction.

You must talk to a doctor if you do not feel better within 2 weeks or if you feel worse.

2. What you need to know before you take Movicol Ready to Take

Do not take Movicol Ready to Take if your doctor has told you that you have:

- a blockage in your intestine (gut obstruction, ileus)
- a perforated gut (a hole in the gut wall)
- severe inflammatory bowel disease like ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease or toxic megacolon



- an allergy to the active substances or any of the other ingredients of Movicol Ready to Take (listed in section 6).

Warnings and Precautions

When taking Movicol Ready to Take you should continue to take plenty of fluids. The fluid content of Movicol Ready to Take should not replace your regular liquid intake.

Heart conditions

Follow the special instructions in section 3 if you are taking Movicol Ready to Take for faecal impaction.

Other medicines and Movicol Ready to Take

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

Some medicines, e.g. anti-epileptics, may not work as effectively during use with Movicol Ready to Take.

You should not take any other medicines by mouth together with Movicol Ready to Take and for one hour before and for one hour after taking Movicol Ready to Take.

If you need to thicken fluids in order to swallow them safely, Movicol Ready to Take may counteract the effect of the thickener.

Pregnancy and breast feeding

Movicol Ready to Take can be taken during pregnancy and whilst breastfeeding. If you are pregnant, trying to become pregnant or breastfeeding, ask your pharmacist or doctor for advice before taking Movicol Ready to Take.

Driving and using machines

Movicol Ready to Take does not affect your ability to drive or use machines.

Movicol Ready to Take contains sodium

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you need 3 or more sachets daily for a prolonged period, especially if you have been advised to follow a low salt (sodium) diet.

Movicol Ready to Take contains 186.87 mg sodium (main component of cooking/table salt) per sachet. This is equivalent to 9.3% of the recommended maximum daily dietary intake of sodium for an adult.

3. How to take Movicol Ready to Take



This medicine can be taken at any time with or without food or drink.

Drink Movicol Ready to Take directly from the sachet. There is no need to dilute it with water.

To maintain good health, including a healthy bowel, it is recommended to drink sufficient amounts of fluids (generally 2.0 to 2.5 litres daily).

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

Constipation:

A dose of Movicol Ready to Take is one 25 mL sachet. Take 1–3 sachets a day in divided doses according to your response to Movicol Ready to Take.

Faecal impaction:

Before you take Movicol Ready to Take for faecal impaction, it should be confirmed that you have this condition.

Eight sachets a day of Movicol Ready to Take are needed for the treatment of faecal impaction. The 8 sachets should be taken within 6 hours. If you have a heart condition, do not take more than 2 sachets in any one hour.

It is recommended to drink an extra 1.0 litre of fluid per day if you have severe constipation (called faecal impaction).

Duration of treatment:

Constipation:

Treatment with Movicol Ready to Take usually lasts for about 2 weeks. If you need to take Movicol Ready to Take for longer, please see your doctor. If your constipation is caused by an illness such as Parkinson's disease or multiple sclerosis (MS), or if you take medicines that cause constipation your doctor may recommend that you take Movicol Ready to Take for longer than 2 weeks.

Usually for long term treatment the dose can be lowered to either 1 or 2 sachets a day.

Faecal impaction:

Treatment with Movicol Ready to Take can be for up to 3 days.

If you take more Movicol Ready to Take than you should:

You may develop excessive diarrhoea, which can lead to dehydration. If this occurs, stop taking Movicol Ready to Take and drink plenty of fluids. If you are worried contact your doctor or pharmacist.



If you forget to take Movicol Ready to Take:

Take the dose as soon as you remember to take it.

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 Movicol Ready to Take if you:

Get a serious allergic reaction which causes difficulty in breathing, or swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat.

Other side effects include:

Allergic reactions which may cause a skin rash, itching, reddening of the skin or a nettle rash, swollen hands, feet or ankles, headaches and high and low levels of potassium in the blood.

Sometimes you may have indigestion, stomach ache or rumbles. You may also feel bloated, suffer from wind, feel sick or vomit, may also experience soreness of the anus (bottom) and may have mild diarrhoea when starting to take Movicol Ready to Take. These side effects generally get better if you reduce the amount that you take of this medicine.

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 HPRAs 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 Movicol Ready to Take

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

Do not use Movicol Ready to Take after the expiry date which is stated on the sachet and carton. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not store above 30°C.

Do not refrigerate or freeze.



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 Movicol Ready to Take contains

Each 25 mL sachet of Movicol Ready to Take contains the following active ingredients:

Macrogol 3350	13.125 g
Sodium Chloride	0.3508 g
Sodium Hydrogen Carbonate	0.1786 g
Potassium Chloride	0.0502 g

Movicol Ready to Take also contains sucralose, purified water and strawberry banana flavouring which contains natural flavouring substances (including extracts from strawberry and banana fruit), flavouring preparations (including celery) and propylene glycol.

Each 25 mL sachet gives the equivalent of:

Sodium	8.125 mmol
Chloride	6.675 mmol
Potassium	0.675 mmol
Hydrogen Carbonate	2.125 mmol

What Movicol Ready to Take looks like and contents of the pack

Movicol Ready to Take is a clear, colourless to light yellow liquid.

Movicol Ready to Take is available in boxes of 10, 20, 30 and 50 sachets.
Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

Marketing authorisation holder:

Norgine Healthcare B.V.
Antonio Vivaldistraat 150
1083 HP Amsterdam
The Netherlands

Manufacturer:

The manufacturer is Norgine Pharma, 29 Rue Ethé Virton, 28100 Dreux Cedex, France.



This medicine is authorised in the Member States of the European Economic Area under the following names:

Belgium	MOVICOL Unidose
Finland	MOVICOL Ready to Take
Germany	Macrogol Norgine trinkfertig Lösung zum Einnehmen im Beutel
Ireland	MOVICOL Ready to Take
Italy	MOVICOL
Portugal	MOVICOL
Spain	MOVICOL solución oral en sobre
Sweden	Movicol oral lösning i dospåse

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Other sources of information

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