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PACKAGE LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER

Bisacodyl 5mg Laxative Tablets

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start 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 have 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 five days..

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1. What Bisacodyl 5mg Laxative Tablets are and what they are used for

Bisacodyl belongs to a group of medicines known as stimulant laxatives. Stimulant laxatives increase bowel movements. Bisacodyl Laxative Tablets are used for recent or long term constipation. They can also be used to clear the bowels before surgery, labour or radiological investigation. Bisacodyl Laxative Tablets do not help with weight loss.

2. What you need to know before you take Bisacodyl 5mg Laxative Tablets

Do not take Bisacodyl 5mg Laxative Tablets if you:

are **allergic** (hypersensitive) to Bisacodyl or to any of the ingredients listed in section 6

are intolerant to or cannot digest some sugars (as the tablet contains a small amount of lactose and sucrose)

have **severe dehydration**

have a bowel condition called “**ileus**” (blockage in the intestine)

have a serious abdominal condition such as **appendicitis**

have **severe abdominal pain** with nausea and vomiting

have a **blocked bowel** (intestinal obstruction)

have **inflammation of the bowel** (small or large intestine)

Do not take this medicine if any of the above applies to you. If you are not sure talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking this medicine.

Other medicines and Bisacodyl 5mg Laxative Tablets

Please tell your pharmacist or doctor if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription. This includes herbal medicines. This is because Bisacodyl 5mg Laxative Tablets can affect the way some other medicines work. Also, some other medicines can affect the way Bisacodyl 5mg Laxative Tablets work.

In particular, tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking:

Water tablets (diuretics) such as bendrofluzide or furosemide (frusemide)

Steroid medicines such as prednisolone

Other laxative medicines.

If you are not sure if any of the above applies to you, talk to your pharmacist or doctor before taking Bisacodyl 5mg Laxative Tablets.

Pregnancy and breast feeding

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine.

Driving and using machines

Some people may feel dizzy or faint while taking this medicine. If this happens to you, wait until these feelings go away before driving or using machines.

Bisacodyl 5mg Laxative Tablets contain lactose and sucrose

The tablets contain both lactose and sucrose. If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicinal product.

3. How to take Bisacodyl 5mg Laxative Tablets

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.

As with all laxatives, Bisacodyl 5mg Laxative Tablets should not be taken every day for more than five days. If you need laxatives every day or if you have abdominal pain which does not go away, you should see your doctor.

Taking this medicine

Swallow the tablets whole with water

Milk, antacids or proton pump inhibitors (medicines which reduce stomach acid) should not be taken within one hour before or after taking Bisacodyl 5mg Laxative Tablets. This is because they will stop the Bisacodyl 5mg Laxative Tablets from working properly.

How much to take

Adults and children over 10 years

Take one or two tablets (5 to 10mg) daily before bedtime

If you have not taken Bisacodyl 5mg Laxative Tablets before, start with one tablet and increase to two if necessary

When the bowel regularity has returned to normal, the dose can usually be stopped.

Children aged between 4 and 10 years

Bisacodyl 5mg Laxative Tablets should only be given to children between the ages of 4 and 10 if recommended by a doctor. The usual dose for children is:

One tablet (5mg) daily before bedtime.

Children under 4 years

Bisacodyl 5mg Laxative Tablets are not recommended for children under 4 years.

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It may be harmful to

- This is because taking too much for too long may lead to:

If you take more of this medicine than you should, talk to a doctor or go to a hospital straight away.
Take the medicine pack with you, this is so the doctor knows what you have taken.

4. Possible side effects

Rare side effects (affect less than 1 in 1000 people)

- Uncommon side effects (affect less than 1 in 100 people)**

- Common side effects (affect less than 1 in 10 people)**

- ## Reporting of side effects

5. How to store Bisacodyl 5mg Laxative Tablets

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

The active ingredient (the ingredient which makes this medicine work) is Bisacodyl. Each tablet contains 5mg of Bisacodyl.

What your tablets look like and the contents of the pack

Bisacodyl Laxative Tablets are round, yellow, sugar-coated tablets. They are packed in cartons containing blister strips of 8, 10, 20, 28, 30, 50, 56, 60, 84, 100, 250, 500 or 1000 tablets.

~~Not all pack sizes may be marketed.~~

If you want to know more about your medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist who can give you more information.

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