

MESALZ

Active ingredient(s): mesalazine

Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using MESALZ. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using MESALZ.

The information in this leaflet was last updated on the date listed on the final page. More recent information on the medicine may be available. You should ensure that you speak to your pharmacist or doctor to obtain the most up to date information on this medicine. You can also download the most up to date leaflet from www.ebs.tga.gov.au. Those updates may contain important information about the medicine and its use of which you should be aware.

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1. Why am I using MESALZ?

MESALZ contains the active ingredient mesalazine (also called 5-aminosalicylic acid or 5-ASA). MESALZ is an antiinflammatory drug used for the treatment of ulcerative colitis. When MESALZ is taken for a flare up of ulcerative colitis, it acts through the entire colon and rectum to treat the inflammation and reduce symptoms. MESALZ can also be taken to help prevent re-occurrence of ulcerative colitis.

2. What should I know before I use MESALZ?

Warnings

Do not use MESALZ if:

- you are allergic to mesalazine, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- you are allergic to a family of drugs known as salicylates (which include aspirin).
- Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.

Check with your doctor if you: