

# CHEMISTS' OWN PARACETAMOL EXTRA

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about using this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

### 1. Why am I using Chemists' Own Paracetamol Extra?

This medicine contains the active ingredients paracetamol and caffeine. This medicine is used for the temporary relief of pain and discomfort associated with headache, tension headache, migraine headache, osteoarthritis, arthritis, cold & flu symptoms, toothache, dental procedures, muscular aches, sore throat and period pain. Reduces fever.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using Chemists' Own Paracetamol Extra?](#) in the full CMI.

### 2. What should I know before I use Chemists' Own Paracetamol Extra?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to paracetamol, caffeine or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

**Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you have any other medical conditions, take any other medicines, or are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.** For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I use Chemists' Own Paracetamol Extra?](#) in the full CMI.

### 3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with Chemists' Own Paracetamol Extra and affect how it works.

A list of these medicines is in Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

### 4. How do I use Chemists' Own Paracetamol Extra?

- The label on the pack will tell you how to take your medicine and how often. If you are unsure about the directions ask your pharmacist or doctor.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How do I use Chemists' Own Paracetamol Extra?](#) in the full CMI.

### 5. What should I know while using Chemists' Own Paracetamol Extra?

<b>Things you should do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take this medicine exactly as directed.</li><li>• Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using this medicine.</li></ul>
<b>Things you should not do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not take more than the recommended dose unless your doctor tells you to.</li><li>• Adults – Do not take this medicine for longer than a few days at a time unless advised to do so by a doctor.</li><li>• In children and adolescents, do not give this medicine for longer than 48 hours unless advised to do so by a doctor.</li><li>• Adults and Children 12 years of age and over – Take 2 tablets every 4 to 6 hours (as required) with water. Do not take more than 8 tablets in 24 hours.</li><li>• Children under 12 years: Not recommended for children under 12 years of age</li></ul>
<b>Drinking alcohol</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Only drink small quantities of alcohol (beer, wine or spirits) while using paracetamol.</li><li>• Drinking large quantities of alcohol while taking paracetamol may increase the risk of liver side effects.</li></ul>
<b>Looking after your medicine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Store below 25°C.</li><li>• Keep your tablets in the blister pack until it is time to take them.</li></ul>

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while using Chemists' Own Paracetamol Extra?](#) in the full CMI.

### 6. Are there any side effects?

- Less serious side effects include nausea and stomach pain.
- Tell your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you notice any of the following side effects shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing, swelling of the face, lips, tongue, or other parts of the body, rash, itching or hives on the skin. This may be the signs of an allergic reaction.

For more information, including what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

# CHEMISTS' OWN PARACETAMOL EXTRA

Active ingredients: *Paracetamol and caffeine*

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using this medicine. **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 this medicine.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I using Chemists' Own Paracetamol Extra?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I use Chemists' Own Paracetamol Extra?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
- [4. How do I use Chemists' Own Paracetamol Extra?](#)
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- [6. Are there any side effects?](#)
- [7. Product details](#)

## 1. Why am I using Chemists' Own Paracetamol Extra?

**This medicine contains the active ingredients paracetamol and caffeine.** Paracetamol is an analgesic. Analgesics provide effective temporary relief from pain. Caffeine acts as an analgesic adjuvant which enhances the effect of paracetamol.

This medicine is used for the temporary relief of pain and discomfort associated with headache, tension headache, migraine headache, osteoarthritis, arthritis, cold & flu symptoms, toothache, dental procedures, muscular aches, sore throat and period pain. This medicine also reduces fever.

## 2. What should I know before I use Chemists' Own Paracetamol Extra?

### Warnings

**Do not use this medicine if:**

- you are allergic to paracetamol, caffeine or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.  
The symptoms of an allergic reaction may include:
  - shortness of breath wheezing or difficulty breathing
  - swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body
  - rash, itching or hives on the skin
- Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.

- Do not take this medicine if you have liver or kidney problems.
- Do not take this medicine if you have glucose-6-phosphatedehydrogenase deficiency (an enzyme deficiency).
- You are under 12 years.
- You are taking any other medicines containing paracetamol or caffeine.
- You are pregnant, except on medical advice.
- Do not use this medicine if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.
- Do not use this medicine after the expiry date (EXP) printed on the pack. If it has expired or is damaged, return it to your pharmacist for disposal.

If you are not sure whether you should start taking this medicine, talk to your pharmacist or doctor.

**Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you:**

- Have allergies to any ingredients listed under Product Details at the end of this leaflet
- Have allergies to aspirin or any other NSAID medicine
- Have liver or kidney problems
- Have low glutathione reserves
- Have Gilbert's syndrome
- Have acute breathing difficulties such as bronchitis, unstable asthma or emphysema
- Drink large quantities of alcohol
- Take any medicines for any other condition

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#)

### Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant or if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.

Your pharmacist or doctor will discuss the benefits and possible risks of taking this medicine during pregnancy.

Consider taking the lowest effective dose for the shortest period of time.

## 3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

**Some medicines may interfere with Chemists' Own Paracetamol Extra and affect how it works.**

These include:

- Any medicines which thin the blood, for example warfarin
- Metoclopramide or domperidone, medicines used to control nausea and vomiting
- Medicines used to treat epilepsy or fit
- Propantheline, a drug used to treat stomach ulcers
- Other pain relief medication
- Alcohol and medicines containing alcohol (ethanol) e.g. some cough syrups
- Medicines used to treat depression
- Medicines used to aid sleep
- Chloramphenicol, an antibiotic used to treat ear and eye infections
- Flucloxacillin, zidovudine and rifampicin, drugs used to treat infections
- Probenecid, a drug used to treat high uric acid levels in the blood associated with gout
- Cholestyramine, a drug used to reduce blood cholesterol
- Chelating resin

**Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect this medicine.**

## 4. How do I use Chemists' Own Paracetamol Extra?

### How much to take

#### Adults and children aged 12 years and over:

Take 2 tablets every 4 to 6 hours (as required) with water.

**Do not take more than 8 tablets in 24 hours.**

Do not take for more than a few days at a time in adults and more than 48 hours in children aged 12-17, except on medical advice.

Do not exceed the stated dose and do not take more frequently than every 4 hours.

Do not take this product with any other product containing paracetamol.

Limit the use of caffeine containing products (including tea and coffee) when taking Chemists' Own Paracetamol Extra.

#### **Not recommended in children under the age of 12 years.**

You should follow the instructions on the label unless your doctor advises otherwise.

This preparation is for the relief of minor and temporary ailments and should be used strictly as directed. Prolonged use without medical supervision could be harmful. Do not give to children.

If symptoms persist or worsen, please consult your doctor.

## When to take this medicine

- The label on the pack will tell you how to take your medicine and how often. If you are unsure about the directions ask your pharmacist or doctor.

Your doctor may ask you to take a different dose. If so, you should follow the doctor's instructions.

If you are unsure what dose to take ask your pharmacist.

## If you forget to use this medicine

If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember.

**If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the dose you missed and take your next dose when you are meant to. Do not take a double dose to make up for the dose you missed. Your next dose should be taken in 4 hours if you think you need it.**

## If you use too much medicine

If you think that you have used too much medicine, you may need urgent medical attention.

**You should immediately:**

- phone the Poisons Information Centre (by calling 13 11 26), or
- contact your doctor, or
- go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital.

**You should do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.**

## 5. What should I know while using Chemists' Own Paracetamol Extra?

### Things you should do

- Take this medicine exactly as directed.

Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using this medicine.

### Things you should not do

- **Do not take more than the recommended dose unless your doctor tells you to.**
- **Give this medicine to anyone else, even if their symptoms seem similar to yours**
- **Take your medicine to treat any other complaints unless your doctor or pharmacist tells you to.**

### Children 12 to 17 years:

- **Do not give this medicine for more than 48 hours unless a doctor has told you to.**

### Adults:

- **Do not take for more than a few days at a time unless your doctor tells you to.**

## Drinking alcohol

**Only drink small quantities of alcohol (beer, wine or spirits) while using paracetamol.**

Drinking large quantities of alcohol while taking paracetamol may increase the risk of liver side effects.

## Looking after your medicine

- Keep your tablets in the pack until it is time to take them.
- If you take the tablets out of the pack they will not keep well.
- Store below 25°C.

Follow the instructions on the pack on how to take care of your medicine properly.

Store it in a cool dry place away from moisture, heat or sunlight; for example, do not store it:

- in the bathroom or near a sink, or
- in the car or on window sills.

**Keep it where young children cannot reach it.**

## Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If you no longer need to use this medicine or it is out of date, take it to any pharmacy for safe disposal.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date.

## 6. Are there any side effects?

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

See the information below and, if you need to, ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any further questions.

### Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
<b>General</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nausea and vomiting</li><li>• Sweating</li></ul> <b>Gut related</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stomach pain</li><li>• Indigestion</li></ul> If you have drinks or food containing caffeine while you are taking this medicine, you may experience caffeine-related side effects such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sleeplessness</li><li>• Restlessness</li><li>• Anxiety</li><li>• Irritability</li><li>• Headaches</li><li>• Stomach upsets</li><li>• Fast heartbeat</li></ul>	<b>Speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.</b>

### Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<b>Skin related</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Skin rashes</li><li>• Painful red areas with blisters and peeling layers of skin which may be accompanied by fever and/or chills</li></ul> <b>Liver related:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hepatitis (symptoms include loss of appetite, itching, yellowing of the skin and eyes, light coloured bowel motions, dark coloured urine)</li></ul> <b>Metabolism Related</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Symptoms of rapid breathing, rapid heart rate and changes in consciousness caused by pyroglutamic acidosis (an accumulation of pyroglutamic acid due to low levels of a protein called glutathione).</li></ul> <b>Allergic reaction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shortness of breath</li><li>• wheezing or difficulty breathing</li><li>• swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body</li><li>• Severe blisters and bleeding in the lips, eyes, mouth, nose and genitals</li><li>• Rash, itching or hives on the skin</li></ul>	<b>Call your doctor straight away, or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these serious side effects.</b>

**Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that may be making you feel unwell.**

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

### Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects you experience, you can report side effects to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at [www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems](http://www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems). By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

## 7. Product details

This medicine is available over-the-counter without a doctor's prescription.

## What Chemists' Own Paracetamol Extra contains

<b>Active ingredients (main ingredients)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paracetamol 500mg</li><li>• Caffeine 65 mg</li></ul>
<b>Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Croscarmellose sodium</li><li>• Maize starch</li><li>• Potassium sorbate</li><li>• Povidone</li><li>• Purified talc</li><li>• Stearic acid</li><li>• Hypromellose</li><li>• Propylene glycol</li><li>• Macrogol 6000</li><li>• Titanium dioxide</li></ul>
<b>Potential allergens</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Potassium sorbate</li></ul>

**Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.**

## What Chemists' Own Paracetamol Extra looks like

CHEMISTS' OWN PARACETAMOL EXTRA is white colour, capsule shaped film coated tablets debossed "PC 65" on one side and scored on other side (AUST R 255294).

## Who distributes Chemists' Own Paracetamol Extra

Arrotex Pharmaceuticals Pty Ltd  
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