

PARAMAT

Paracetamol

Consumer Medicine Information

What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about PARAMAT.

It does not contain all the available information.

It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

All medicines have risks and benefits.

Your doctor or pharmacist has weighed the risks of you receiving PARAMAT against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

If you have any concerns about taking this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Keep this leaflet with the medicine. You may need to read it again.

What PARAMAT is used for

PARAMAT contains paracetamol an analgesic medicine which relieves pain and reduces fever.

PARAMAT is a solution of paracetamol which is given by IV infusion directly into a vein, and is used to relieve pain or reduce fever following surgery.

This medicine is available only with a doctor's prescription.

Before you are given PARAMAT

When you must not be given PARAMAT

You must not be given PARAMAT if you have an allergy to paracetamol or to any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.

Symptoms of an allergic reaction to PARAMAT 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

You must not be given PARAMAT if you have liver disease.

If you are not sure whether you should be given PARAMAT, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

Before you are given PARAMAT

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you have allergies to:

- any other medicines
- any other substances, such as foods, preservatives or dyes

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are pregnant.

PARAMAT may be given to pregnant women, but your doctor must be told if you are pregnant.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are breast-feeding.

PARAMAT may be given to women who are breast-feeding, but your doctor must be told if you are breast-feeding.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you have or have had any medical conditions, especially the following:

- liver disease
- kidney disease
- alcoholism
- suffer from malnutrition
- dehydration
- eating disorders (anorexia, bulimia)
- a wasting syndrome including unexplained weight loss, fatigue and loss of appetite (cachexia)
- a metabolic condition called glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency (G6PD)
- hypovolaemia

If you have not told your doctor or pharmacist about any of the above, tell them before you are given PARAMAT.

Taking other medicines

It is especially important to tell your doctor if you are taking any other medication, including over the counter or pharmacy medication, which contains Panadol. This may effect the dosage of PARAMAT which you should receive.

Some medicines and PARAMAT may interfere with each other. These include:

- Pro-Cid (probenecid) - a medicine used to treat gout or given with antibiotics
- Anticonvulsants - medicines used to treat epilepsy or fits, such as Dilantin (phenytoin), Tegretol or Teril (carbamazepine), Amytal Sodium, Phenobarbitone

- Other forms of Paracetamol, such as tablets or capsules
- Myleron or Busulfex (busulfan) a cancer drug
- Dolobid (diflusal) an anti-inflammatory drug
- Barbiturates
- Retrovir (zidovudine) - a HIV drug or other drugs containing zidovudine
- Anticoagulants which are used to stop blood from clotting
- Isoniazid, a tuberculosis drug
- Antibiotics containing amoxicillin plus clavulanic acid

These medicines may be affected by PARAMAT, or may affect how well PARAMAT works. You may need different amounts of your medicine, or you may need to take different medicines. Your doctor or pharmacist will advise you.

Your doctor and pharmacist may have more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while receiving PARAMAT.

How PARAMAT is given

How much is given

Your doctor will decide what dose you will be given, and for how long you will be given PARAMAT.

Tell your doctor if you have been taking other forms of Paracetamol (tablets, capsule) and the quantity that you have been taking.

How it is given

PARAMAT is given as a slow infusion (drip) into a vein. PARAMAT must only be given by a doctor or nurse.

Overdose

Your doctor has information on how to recognise and treat an overdose.

Ask your doctor or nurse if you have any concerns.

While you are being given PARAMAT

Things you must do

Tell any other doctors, dentists, and pharmacists who are treating you that you are being given PARAMAT.

If you are about to be started on any new medicine, tell your doctor, dentist or pharmacist that you are being given PARAMAT.

Tell your doctor immediately if you develop a rash or other symptoms of an allergic reaction.

These symptoms may be:

- 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

Side effects

Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are being given PARAMAT.

PARAMAT helps most people with pain and fever, but it may have unwanted side effects in some people.

All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical treatment if you get some of the side effects.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist to answer any questions you may have.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any of the following and they worry you.

- feeling unwell
- dizziness, light-headedness
- bleeding or bruising more easily than normal
- vomiting, nausea
- constipation

These side effects are rare and usually mild.

If any of the following happen, tell your doctor or a nurse immediately.

These are very serious side effects. You may need urgent medical attention.

- allergic reaction - 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.

Other side effects not listed above may occur in some patients. Tell your doctor if you notice anything that is making you feel unwell.

Do not be alarmed by possible side effects. You may not experience any of them.

Product description

What it looks like

PARAMAT is a clear solution available in 100 mL glass vials, each containing 1000 mg paracetamol.

Ingredients

Active Ingredient:
paracetamol 1000 mg/100 mL

Other Ingredients:

- mannitol,
- cysteine hydrochloride monohydrate,
- dibasic dihydrate sodium phosphate,
- sodium hydroxide,
- hydrochloric acid,
- water for injections.

Storage

PARAMAT will be stored in the pharmacy or on the ward. The injection should be kept in a cool dry place, protected from light, where the temperature stays below 25°C. Do not refrigerate or freeze.

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