

Maxolon®

metoclopramide hydrochloride

Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about taking Maxolon.

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

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1. Why am I taking Maxolon?

Maxolon contains the active ingredient metoclopramide hydrochloride. Maxolon works by blocking the action of a chemical in the brain which causes nausea and vomiting. It also acts in the stomach and upper intestine to increase muscle contractions.

Maxolon is used in adults 20 years and over to:

- treat nausea and vomiting caused by infectious diseases, migraine, kidney disease, childbirth, other medications, cancer, or following surgery, chemotherapy or radiation treatment.
- activate stomach contractions in conditions where there is a need to encourage normal passage of

food through the stomach and intestines.

- with X-rays to help diagnose problems of the stomach and/or intestines.
- help with passing tubes into the intestine.

Maxolon is used in young adults aged 15 – 19 years to:

- treat severe vomiting of known cause or following chemotherapy or radiation treatment.
- help with passing tubes into the intestine.

2. What should I know before I take Maxolon?

Warnings

Do not use Maxolon if you:

- are allergic to metoclopramide or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.
- have active bleeding from the stomach and/or digestive tract.
- have a blockage of the stomach and/or digestive tract.
- have had recent surgery of the stomach and/or digestive tract.
- have pheochromocytoma (an adrenaline producing tumour of the adrenal gland).
- have epilepsy (fits or seizures)
- take other medication such as antipsychotic/neuroleptic medication and certain antidepressants that can cause movement disorders.

Check with your doctor if you:

- have any other medical conditions including:
 - Parkinson's disease
 - liver or kidney problems
 - high blood pressure
 - asthma.
- 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 if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.

Use in children

Do not give Maxolon to children less than 15 years old.

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 and Maxolon may interfere with each other. These include:

- tranquilisers or anti-anxiety medications
- strong pain relievers (e.g., codeine or morphine)
- sedatives or sleeping medication
- atropine-like medications (e.g., some cold preparations, travel sickness medicines)
- tetracycline antibiotics, paracetamol, levodopa
- digoxin.

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