

CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5

procaine benzylpenicillin (procaine penicillin)

Consumer Medicine Information

What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5. 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 has weighed the risks of you being given CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 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 CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 is used for

CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 is an antibiotic belonging to the group of antibiotics known as penicillins. The active ingredient in CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 is procaine benzylpenicillin (procaine penicillin).

CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 is used to treat infections in different parts of the body caused by bacteria. It works by killing the bacteria that are causing the infection. It will not work against infections caused by viruses such as colds or the flu.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why this medicine has been prescribed for you.

Your doctor may have prescribed it for another reason.

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

Before you are given CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5

When you must not be given it

Do not receive CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 if you have an allergy to:

- any medicine containing procaine benzylpenicillin
- any other penicillin medicines
- any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet

You must tell your doctor if you have had an allergic reaction to cephalosporins.

You may have an increased chance of being allergic to CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 if you are allergic to cephalosporins.

Some of 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

Tell your doctor if you have suffered from any other allergic reactions in the past due to use of penicillin.

Do not receive this medicine if you are pregnant.

It may affect your developing baby if you take it during pregnancy.

Do not breast-feed if you are taking this medicine.

Your doctor will discuss with you the risks and benefits of being given CILICAINE

SYRINGE 1.5 during pregnancy and when you are breastfeeding.

Do not receive this medicine after the expiry date printed on the pack or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

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

Before you are given it

Tell your doctor or nurse if you have allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes.

Tell your doctor if you are taking probenecid, a medicine used to treat gout.

If you take the oral contraceptive pill, talk to your doctor or nurse about the need to use additional contraception whilst being given CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5.

Some antibiotics may decrease the effectiveness of some birth control pills, though this has not been shown in CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5.

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

Taking other medicines

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

Some medicines and CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 may interfere with each other. These include:

You may need different amounts of your medicines, or you may need to take different medicines.

Your doctor and nurse have more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid whilst you are receiving CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5.

How you are given CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5

CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 is given as a deep injection into a large muscle.

CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 must only be given by a doctor or nurse.

How much you are given

The usual dose is:

Adults

1.5 g daily for two to five days.

For the treatment of gonorrhoea or syphilis:

1 g daily for 7 to 14 days or up to 4.8 g as a single session treatment usually administered with probenecid.

Children

1/4 or 1/2 adult dose is usually sufficient for children under 3 or over 3 years of age, respectively.

How long to use it for

Your doctor will tell you how long you will be given CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 injections for.

The whole course must be given. Do not stop receiving CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 even if you feel better.

Your infection and symptoms may return.

If you forget to be given it

If you have forgotten about your next CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 injection, go to your doctor as soon as you remember and then go back to your normal visits.

If you are given too much (overdose)

As this medicine is given to you by a doctor or nurse it is unlikely that you will receive too much.

Immediately telephone your doctor or the Poisons Information Centre (telephone 13 11 26) for advice, or go to Accident and Emergency at the nearest hospital, if you think that you or anyone else may have been given too much CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.

While you are using CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5

Things you must do

If you are about to be started on any new medicine, remind your doctor and pharmacist that you are currently receiving CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5.

Tell any other doctors, dentists and pharmacists who treat you that you are receiving this medicine.

If your symptoms do not improve within few days, or if they become worse, tell your doctor.

If you develop any form of skin rash and/or itching or difficulty in breathing while using CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5, contact your doctor immediately.

If you develop severe diarrhoea tell your doctor immediately.

Do this even if it occurs several weeks after you have stopped using CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5.

If you become pregnant while receiving this medicine, tell your doctor immediately.

If you are about to have any blood tests, tell your doctor that you are being given this medicine.

It may interfere with the results of some tests.

Tell your doctor if you have not received this medicine as it was prescribed.

Otherwise your doctor may think that it was not effective and change your treatment unnecessarily.

Keep all of your doctor's appointments so that your progress can be checked.

Things you must not do

Do not use CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.

Do not give your medicine to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you.

Do not stop taking your medicine or lower the dosage without checking with your doctor.

Things to be careful of

Tell your doctor if you get vaginal itching or discharge, sore mouth or tongue.

This is due to a fungal infection called thrush. Sometimes use of this medicine allows fungi to grow, as CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 is ineffective against fungi.

If you get diarrhoea, nausea or vomiting, tell your doctor.

Do this even if it occurs several weeks after receiving your last CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 injection.

Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 affects you.

CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 generally does not affect your ability to drive a car or operate machinery. However, as with many other medicines, CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 may also cause dizziness, drowsiness and/or tiredness in some people.
may be added as needed.

Side effects

Tell your doctor or nurse as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are taking CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5.

This medicine helps most people, but it may have unwanted side effects in a few people. All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical attention if you get some of the side effects.

Do not be alarmed by the following lists of side effects. You may not experience any of them.

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

Side effects reported by some people using CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 include:

- diarrhoea
- nausea & vomiting
- skin rash
- difficulty in breathing

Tell your doctor or nurse if you notice anything that is making you feel unwell.

Other side effects not listed above may also occur in some people.

After receiving CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5

Storage

The syringes will be kept on the hospital ward or in the pharmacy. Keep the syringes in the pack until it is time to take them.

Store CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 between 2 and 8 degrees Celsius.

Product description

What it looks like

CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 is a slightly viscous white suspension with a faint odour characteristic of penicillin.

Ingredients

CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 contains 1.5 mg of procaine benzylpenicillin (procaine penicillin) as the active ingredient.

The syringes also contain the following inactive ingredients:

- polysorbate 80
- sodium citrate

- water for injections

CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 syringe injection is preservative free.

Distributor

CILICAINE SYRINGE 1.5 is distributed in Australia by:

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