

## ATOVACUE®

Active ingredient: Atovaquone

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### Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using ATOVACUE. **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 ATOVACUE.**

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#### 1. Why am I using ATOVACUE?

**ATOVACUE contains the active ingredient atovaquone.** ATOVACUE belongs to a group of medicines called anti-infectives.

**ATOVACUE oral suspension is used to treat a type of pneumonia (lung infection) caused by *Pneumocystis carinii*.**

*Pneumocystis carinii* is a parasite that can lie dormant in the airways unless the body's immune system becomes weakened, for example in human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. This can lead to *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia (PCP).

ATOVACUE suspension works by interfering with important functions within *Pneumocystis carinii*.

Your doctor may have prescribed ATOVACUE suspension for another reason.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why ATOVACUE suspension has been prescribed for you.

This medicine is available only with a doctor's prescription. ATOVACUE suspension is not addictive.

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#### 2. What should I know before I use ATOVACUE?

##### Warnings

**Do not use ATOVACUE if:**

- you are allergic to atovaquone, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.
- you are pregnant, trying to become pregnant or breastfeeding, unless your doctor says you should.