

KARLOR CD

cefactor (as monohydrate)

Consumer Medicine Information

What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about KARLOR CD. 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 taking KARLOR CD 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 KARLOR CD is used for

This medicine is used to treat infections caused by bacteria in different parts of the body. This includes infections of the:

- ears, nose, throat and tonsils (upper respiratory tract)
- chest and lungs (lower respiratory tract)
- bladder and kidneys (lower urinary tract)
- skin

This medicine belongs to a group of medicines called cephalosporins.

This medicine works by killing the bacteria that are causing your infection.

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.

Before you take KARLOR CD

When you must not take it

Do not take KARLOR CD if you have an allergy to:

- any medicine containing cefactor monohydrate
- any other similar medicines such as cephalosporins
- any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet

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

Do not give this medicine to a child under the age of 12 years.

Safety and effectiveness in children younger than 12 years have not been established.

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

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 doctor.

Before you start to take it

Tell your doctor if you are allergic to any other medicines or any foods, preservatives or dyes.

Tell your doctor if you have or have had any of the following medical conditions:

- kidney disease
- severe bowel conditions
- liver disease

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breast-feeding.

Your doctor can discuss with you the risks and benefits involved.

If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell them before you start taking KARLOR CD.

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 KARLOR CD may interfere with each other. These include:

- antacids used to neutralise stomach acid to relieve heartburn, indigestion or an upset stomach
- probenecid (e.g. Pro-Cid), a medicine used to treat gout and to promote the excretion of uric acid

These medicines may be affected by KARLOR CD or may affect how well it works. You may need different amounts of your medicines, or you may need to take different medicines.

Your doctor and pharmacist have more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while taking this medicine.

How to take KARLOR CD

Follow all directions given to you by your doctor or pharmacist carefully.

They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet.

If you do not understand the instructions on the box, ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.

How much to take

Your doctor will tell you how much KARLOR CD you need to take.

This will depend on the type of infection you have.

How to take it

Swallow the tablets whole with a full glass of water.

Do not cut, crush or chew the tablet.

When to take it

Take your medicine at about the same time each day with food.

Taking it at the same time each day will have the best effect. It will also help you remember when to take it.

If you need to take an antacid, take it at least 1 hour before or 1 hour after you take KARLOR CD.

How long to take it

Continue taking your medicine for as long as your doctor tells you.

It is important to complete the full course prescribed by your doctor, even if you begin to feel better after a few days. If you do not complete the full course, the bacteria causing your infection may continue to grow and

multiply. This means your infection may not clear completely and your symptoms may return.

If you forget to take it

If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the dose you missed and take your next dose when you are meant to.

Otherwise, take it as soon as you remember, and then go back to taking your medicine as you would normally.

Do not take a double dose to make up for the dose that you missed.

This may increase the chance of you getting an unwanted side effect.

If you are not sure what to do, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If you have trouble remembering to take your medicine, ask your pharmacist for some hints.

If you take too much (overdose)

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 taken too much KARLOR CD. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

You may need urgent medical attention.

Symptoms of an overdose may include vomiting, upset stomach or diarrhoea.

While you are using KARLOR CD

Things you must do

Tell your doctor if the symptoms of your infection do not improve within a few days, or if they become worse.

If you are about to be started on any new medicine, remind your doctor and pharmacist that you are taking KARLOR CD.

Tell any other doctors, dentists and pharmacists who treat you that you are taking this medicine. If you become pregnant while taking this medicine, tell your doctor immediately.

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

It may interfere with the results of some tests.

Keep all of your doctor's appointments so that your progress can be checked. If you are diabetic, check with your doctor or pharmacist before using urine sugar tests. KARLOR CD may cause false test results with some urine sugar tests.

Things you must not do

Do not take KARLOR CD 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

Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how KARLOR CD affects you.

This medicine may cause dizziness or drowsiness in some people. If you have any of these symptoms, do not drive, operate machinery or do anything else that could be dangerous.

Side effects

Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are taking KARLOR CD.

This medicine helps most people with certain bacterial infections, 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 pharmacist to answer any questions you may have.

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

- diarrhoea
- itchy rash
- oral thrush - white, furry, sore tongue or mouth
- vaginal thrush - sore and itchy vagina and/or abnormal discharge

Tell your doctor as soon as possible if you notice any of the following:

- nausea
- vomiting
- drowsiness
- headache
- hyperactivity, nervousness, insomnia, confusion, dizziness, hallucinations
- severe muscle stiffness
- swelling of the joints with or without fever
- pain in the joints with or without fever
- itching or swelling of the skin
- yellowing of the skin or eyes
- frequent infections such as fever, severe chills, sore throat or mouth ulcers
- bleeding or bruising more easily than normal
- difficulty in swallowing or breathing

You may require medical attention.

Tell your doctor immediately if you notice any of the following, particularly if they occur several weeks after stopping treatment with KARLOR CD:

- severe abdominal cramps or stomach cramps
- watery and/or severe diarrhoea which may also be bloody
- fever, in combination with one or both of the above

Do not take any diarrhoea medicine without first checking with your doctor.

You may have a serious condition affecting your bowel, requiring urgent medical attention.

If any of the following happen, tell your doctor immediately or go to Accident and Emergency at your nearest hospital:

sudden signs of allergy such as rash, itching or hives on the skin with swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body, shortness of breath, wheezing or trouble breathing

You may need urgent medical attention or hospitalisation.

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

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

After using KARLOR CD

Storage

Keep your tablets in the pack until it is time to take them.

If you take the tablets out of the pack they may not keep well.

Keep your tablets in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C.

Do not store KARLOR CD or any other medicine in the bathroom or near a sink. Do not leave it on a window sill or in the car.

Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

Keep it where children cannot reach it.
A locked cupboard at least one-and-a-half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

Disposal

If your doctor tells you to stop taking this medicine or the expiry date has passed, ask your pharmacist what to do with any medicine that is left over.

Product description

What it looks like

KARLOR CD tablets are blue capsule shaped modified release tablets with no engraving.

Ingredients

KARLOR CD contains cefaclor monohydrate equivalent to 375 mg of cefaclor as the active ingredient.

The tablets also contain the following inactive ingredients:

- Colour Mixture Dark Blue YS-1-4273 (PI 1444)
- hypromellose
- hypromellose
- magnesium stearate
- mannitol
- methacrylic acid copolymer
- propylene glycol
- purified talc
- stearic acid

This medicine does not contain lactose, sucrose, gluten, tartrazine or any other azo dyes

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