

Haemorol™

Oily Phenol Injection (phenol)

Each 5 mL contains phenol 250 mg in almond oil

Consumer Medicine Information

What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about Haemorol. It does not contain all the available information. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor has weighed the risks of you being given Haemorol against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

If you have any concerns about being given this medicine, ask your doctor.

Keep this leaflet.

You may need to read it again.

What Haemorol is used for

Haemorol is used to treat haemorrhoids when other methods of treatment, such as changes in diet, have not worked.

Haemorrhoids occur when small veins near the anus become swollen. Haemorol works by attaching the veins to the tissue around them, preventing them from swelling.

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

Your doctor may have prescribed it for another reason.

Before you are given Haemorol

When you must not be given it

You should not be given Haemorol if you have an allergy to any medicine containing phenol or almond oil.

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.

This medicine should not be given to infants or children.

Safety in infants and children has not been established.

You should not be given this medicine if the solution is discoloured, cloudy, turbid, or a precipitate or particles are present.

The solution is normally clear, yellowish and viscous.

You should not be given this medicine after the expiry date printed on the pack, or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

If you are given this medicine after the expiry date has passed, it may not work as well.

If you are not sure whether you should be given this medicine talk to your doctor.

Before you are given it

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

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

Your doctor can discuss the risks and benefits involved.

If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell him/her before you are given Haemorol™.

Taking other medicines

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

How Haemorol is given

Haemorol must only be given by a doctor or nurse.

It must **NOT** be injected into the fluid around the spinal cord or brain, into a vein or into deep tissue.

Haemorol must **NOT** be used over large areas.

It will be given as an injection directly into the area around the haemorrhoid. You may need to be given several injections per treatment.

Your doctor will decide what dose of Haemorol you will receive. This depends on the size and number of haemorrhoids being treated.

If you are given too much (overdose)

Haemorol must only be given by a doctor or nurse so an overdose is not likely to occur.

Symptoms of excessive exposure to Phenol include:

- stomach pains
- dizziness
- blood in the urine
- bluish discolouration of the skin
- irregular heart beat
- difficulty breathing or breathlessness which may be very severe and worsen on lying down
- sharp pains
- nausea, vomiting
- shock.

For information on the management of overdose, contact the Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia).

While you are being given Haemorol

Things you must do

If you are about to be started on any new medicine, remind your doctor and pharmacist that you have been given Haemorol.

Tell any other doctors, dentists, and pharmacists who treat you that you have been given this medicine.

If you have any tests, tell your doctor that you have been given this medicine.

It may interfere with the results of some tests.

Things to be careful of

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

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

Avoid contact of Haemorol with the skin.

This medicine can be absorbed through the skin. Wash with glycerol if it comes into contact with the skin.

If you feel light-headed, dizzy or faint when getting out of bed or standing up, get up slowly.

Standing up slowly, especially when you get up from bed or chairs, will help your body get used to change in position and blood pressure. If this problem continues or gets worse, talk to your doctor.

Side effects

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

This medicine 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 treatment if you get some of the side effects.

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

Ask your doctor to answer any questions you may have.

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

- pain at the injection site
- discomfort and giddiness
- ulcer or abscess formation at the injection site.

The above list includes the more common side effects of your medicine.

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

- blood in urine or semen
- pain and swelling in the testis
- pain or difficulty passing urine
- loss of bladder and/ or bowel control
- fever
- impotence.

The above list includes some very serious side effects. You may need urgent medical attention. Serious side effects are rare.

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 being given Haemorol

Storage

Haemorol will be stored in the surgery, pharmacy or ward of a hospital. The injection is kept in a cool dry place, protected from light, where the temperature stays below 25°C.

Haemorol will be opened for use on you. It will be used only once and then it will be discarded. It will never be stored after it is opened or used for more than one person.

Product description

What it looks like

Haemorol is a clear, yellowish solution, free from visible particles. It is available in a clear glass vial with a grey rubber stopper and aluminium seal with a yellow plastic flip off cap in packs of 5.

Ingredients

Haemorol contains 250 mg phenol in 5 mL almond oil.

It also contains:

- tree nuts

This medicine does not contain lactose, sucrose, gluten, tartrazine, dyes or any preservatives.

Manufacturer

Haemorol is made in Australia by:

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