

## CHEXATE

Active ingredient(s): methotrexate (as sodium)

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### Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about taking CHEXATE. **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 CHEXATE.**

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#### 1. Why am I taking CHEXATE?

**CHEXATE tablets contain the active ingredient methotrexate.** Methotrexate belongs to a family of medicines called antineoplastics or cytotoxics. It may also be called a chemotherapy medicine.

CHEXATE is used to treat severe psoriasis (a skin condition) and severe rheumatoid arthritis. It is only used to treat these conditions if other treatments have not worked. It is also used to treat some types of cancers.

The medicine works by blocking an enzyme needed by the body's cells to live. This interferes with the growth of some cells that are growing rapidly in psoriasis and cancer. In rheumatoid arthritis, this medicine reduces the overactivity of the immune system leading to less pain, swelling and damage to the joints.