

TRIENTINE DR. REDDY'S

trientine dihydrochloride

Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using TRIENTINE DR. REDDY'S. **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 TRIENTINE DR. REDDY'S.**

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1. Why am I using TRIENTINE DR. REDDY'S?

TRIENTINE DR. REDDY'S contains the active ingredient trientine dihydrochloride.

Trientine is a chelating (KEE-late-ing) agent that works by removing copper from the blood.

Wilson's disease is a genetic metabolic defect that causes excess copper to build up in the body.

Trientine dihydrochloride is used to treat this inherited condition in people who cannot take penicillamine.

2. What should I know before I use TRIENTINE DR. REDDY'S?

Warnings

Do not use TRIENTINE DR. REDDY'S if:

- you are allergic to trientine dihydrochloride, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.

Check with your doctor if you:

- have any other medical conditions
- take any medicines for any other condition
- have anaemia (low red blood cells)

Your doctor will need to regularly check for symptoms of your disease and copper levels in your blood and urine. Regular monitoring is especially important at the start of your treatment and when your dose is changed, in growing children and pregnant women to ensure that copper levels are maintained at a suitable level. The doctor may need to increase or decrease your dose of TRIENTINE DR. REDDY'S.

Regular monitoring is also important if you have liver or kidney problems.

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section 6. Are there any side effects?

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant. TRIENTINE DR. REDDY'S can be harmful to the unborn baby when taken by a woman during pregnancy so your doctor will discuss with you the benefits and risks of using it. If you are pregnant and taking TRIENTINE DR. REDDY'S you will be monitored throughout your pregnancy for any effect on the baby or changes in your copper levels.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed. It is not known if TRIENTINE DR. REDDY'S passes in to your breastmilk.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

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

Some medicines may interfere with TRIENTINE DR. REDDY'S and affect how it works.

- Mineral supplements may block the absorption of TRIENTINE DR. REDDY'S.
- If your doctor has advised you to take an iron supplement, separate the dose by at least two hours after your dose of TRIENTINE DR. REDDY'S
- If you are taking antacids containing calcium or magnesium, do not take them at the same time as TRIENTINE DR. REDDY'S.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect TRIENTINE DR. REDDY'S.

4. How do I use TRIENTINE DR. REDDY'S?

How much to take

- Your doctor will decide the correct dose for you.
- The usual dose for Children above 5 years is: 2 to 3 capsules given in divided doses two or three times daily.
- The usual dose for adults is: 3 to 5 capsules given in divided doses two, three or four times daily.
- Follow all directions on your prescription label. Do not take this medicine in larger or smaller amounts than prescribed by your doctor or for longer than recommended.
- The total dose can be divided in to 2 to 4 smaller doses as directed by your doctor
- Follow the instructions provided and use TRIENTINE DR. REDDY'S until your doctor tells you to stop.

When to take TRIENTINE DR. REDDY'S

- Take the capsules on an empty stomach, at least 1 hour before or 2 hours after a meal.

- The capsules should be swallowed whole with water

If you forget to take TRIENTINE DR. REDDY'S

Discuss with your Doctor or Pharmacist about what to do if you miss your dose. Do not exceed the daily dose prescribed by your Doctor.

TRIENTINE DR. REDDY'S should be used regularly at the same time each day. Take the missed dose as soon as you remember.

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

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

If you use too much TRIENTINE DR. REDDY'S

If you think that you have used too much TRIENTINE DR. REDDY'S, you may need urgent medical attention.

You should immediately:

- phone the Poisons Information Centre (by calling 13 11 26), or
- contact your doctor, or
- go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital.

You should do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.