

CHEMISTS' OWN OSTEO RELIEF PARACETAMOL

Active ingredient(s): 665 mg paracetamol

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using CHEMISTS' OWN OSTEO RELIEF PARACETAMOL. **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 CHEMISTS' OWN OSTEO RELIEF PARACETAMOL.**

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1. Why am I using CHEMISTS' OWN OSTEO RELIEF PARACETAMOL?

CHEMISTS' OWN OSTEO RELIEF PARACETAMOL contains the active ingredient paracetamol. CHEMISTS' OWN OSTEO RELIEF PARACETAMOL is effective for the relief of persistent pain associated with:

- Osteo arthritis
- Muscle aches and pains such as backache

Paracetamol, the active ingredient in this medicine, is also used for the fast effective temporary relief of pain and discomfort associated with:

- Headache
- Tension headache
- Period pain
- Toothache and pain after dental procedures
- Colds and flu

Paracetamol also reduces fever.

Paracetamol works to stop the pain messages from getting through to the brain. It also acts in the brain to reduce fever.

Ask your pharmacist or doctor if you have any questions about this medicine.

Your pharmacist or doctor may have recommended it for another reason.

2. What should I know before I use CHEMISTS' OWN OSTEO RELIEF PARACETAMOL?

Do not take more than the recommended dose as it may cause serious harm to your liver.

Warnings

Do not use CHEMISTS' OWN OSTEO RELIEF PARACETAMOL if:

- Any medicine containing paracetamol. Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.
- Any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet. Do not take this medicine if you are taking other prescription or non-prescription medicines containing paracetamol to treat pain, fever, symptoms of cold and flu, or to aid sleep.
- Always read and follow the label.

Do not use 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 using this medicine, talk to your pharmacist or doctor.

Before you start to use it:

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

- Liver or kidney disease
- Are underweight or malnourished
- Regularly drink alcohol
You may need to avoid using this product altogether or limit the amount of paracetamol that you take.
- You have severe infection, are severely malnourished or are a chronic heavy alcohol user as this may increase the risk of metabolic acidosis:
Signs of metabolic acidosis include:
 - deep, rapid, difficult breathing
 - feeling sick (nausea), being sick (vomiting)
 - loss of appetite

Contact a doctor immediately if you get a combination of these symptoms.

- Please see your doctor if your symptoms do not improve
- Keep out of sight and reach of children.

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 or pharmacist if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.

Paracetamol may be used during pregnancy and if you are breastfeeding but you should always consult your doctor first.

Consider taking the lowest effective dose for the shortest period of time.

If you have not told your pharmacist or doctor about any of the above, tell them before you use CHEMISTS' OWN OSTEO RELIEF PARACETAMOL.

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 and paracetamol may interfere with each other. These include:

- Warfarin, a medicine used to prevent blood clots
- Metoclopramide, a medicine used to control nausea and vomiting
- Medicines used to treat epilepsy or fits
- Chloramphenicol, an antibiotic used to treat ear and eye infections
- Alcohol
- Probenecid, a medicine used to treat gout or sometimes given with an antibiotic
- Cholestyramine, a medicine used to treat high cholesterol levels in the blood.
- flucloxacillin

Your pharmacist and doctor will have more information on these and other medicines to be careful with or avoid while using this medicine.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect CHEMISTS' OWN OSTEO RELIEF PARACETAMOL.

4. How do I use CHEMISTS' OWN OSTEO RELIEF PARACETAMOL?

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

They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet.

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

Do not exceed the stated dose.

Use the smallest dose that you need to treat your symptoms and use the medicine for the shortest period of time necessary.

How much to use

- **Adults and children aged 12 years and over:** Take 2 tablets three times a day, every six to eight hours as needed. Do not take more than 6 tablets in 24 hours.
- Not recommended for children under 12 years.
- Follow the instructions provided with the medicine.
- Do not exceed the recommended dosage.

How to use CHEMISTS' OWN OSTEO RELIEF PARACETAMOL

- Swallow the tablets whole with water or other fluid.
- Do not crush the tablets. They can be taken with or without food.

How long to use it

Adults and children aged 12 years and over: Only take paracetamol for a few days at a time unless your doctor tells you to take it for longer.

If you use too much CHEMISTS' OWN OSTEO RELIEF PARACETAMOL

If you think that you have used too much CHEMISTS' OWN OSTEO RELIEF PARACETAMOL, 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.

5. What should I know while using CHEMISTS' OWN OSTEO RELIEF PARACETAMOL?

Things you should do

Talk to your pharmacist or doctor if your symptoms do not improve.

Your pharmacist or doctor will assess your condition and decide if you should continue to take the medicine.

Things you should not do

- Do not take this medicine for longer than a few days at a time unless your doctor tells you to.
- Do not take more than the recommended dose unless your doctor tells you to.
- Do not use CHEMISTS' OWN OSTEO RELIEF PARACETAMOL to treat any other complaints unless your pharmacist or doctor tells you to.

Things to be careful of

- Only drink small quantities of alcohol (beer, wine or spirits) while using CHEMISTS' OWN OSTEO RELIEF PARACETAMOL.
- Drinking large quantities of alcohol while taking CHEMISTS' OWN OSTEO RELIEF PARACETAMOL may increase the risk of liver side effects.
- Cases of high anion gap metabolic acidosis (HAGMA) due to pyroglutamic acidosis in patients with severe illness such as severe renal impairment and sepsis, or patients with malnutrition and other sources of glutathione deficiency.
- Accumulation of paracetamol conjugates in patients with moderate to severe renal impairment

Looking after your medicine

- Keep your medicine in the original pack until it is time to take it.
- Keep your medicine in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C.

Follow the instructions in the carton on how to take care of your medicine properly.

Store it in a cool dry place away from moisture, heat or sunlight; for example, do not store it:

- in the bathroom or near a sink, or
- in the car or on window sills.
- A locked cupboard at least one-and-a-half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

Keep it where young children cannot reach it.

When to discard your medicine

Ask your pharmacist what to do with any medicine that is left over, or if the expiry date has passed.

Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If you no longer need to use this medicine or it is out of date, take it to any pharmacy for safe disposal.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date.

6. Are there any side effects?

Tell your pharmacist or doctor as soon as possible if you do not feel well while using CHEMISTS' OWN OSTEO RELIEF PARACETAMOL.

This medicine helps most people with various types of pain but it may have unwanted side effects. 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 list of side effects. These side effects are rare and you may not experience any of them.

Ask your pharmacist or doctor to answer any questions you may have.

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

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shortness of breath• Wheezing or difficulty breathing• Swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body• Rash, peeling, itching or hives on the skin or mouth ulcers• Unexplained bruising or bleeding	Call your doctor straight away, or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these serious side effects.

The above list includes very serious side effects. You may need urgent medical attention or hospitalisation. These side effects are very rare for low doses of this medicine and when used for a short period of time.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that may be making you feel unwell.

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects you experience, you can report side effects to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

7. Product details

This medicine is available over-the-counter without a doctor's prescription.

What CHEMISTS' OWN OSTEO RELIEF PARACETAMOL contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	665 mg Paracetamol
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colloidal anhydrous silica• Hypromellose• Macrogol 6000• Magnesium stearate• Maize starch• Microcrystalline cellulose• Povidone• Pregelatinized maize starch

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purified talc• Sodium starch glycollate type A• Titanium dioxide
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Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.

What CHEMISTS' OWN OSTEO RELIEF PARACETAMOL looks like

CHEMISTS' OWN OSTEO RELIEF PARACETAMOL tablets are a white to off-white, film-coated capsule shaped tablet with 665 debossed on one side and plain on the other side.

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Who distributes CHEMISTS' OWN OSTEO RELIEF PARACETAMOL

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