

# Neo-Mercazole

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about using this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

### 1. Why am I using Neo-Mercazole?

Neo-Mercazole contains the active ingredient carbimazole. Neo-Mercazole is used to treat hyperthyroidism or overactive thyroid gland (a condition where the thyroid gland produces too much thyroid hormone).

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using Neo-Mercazole?](#) in the full CMI.

### 2. What should I know before I use Neo-Mercazole?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to Neo-Mercazole or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

**Talk to your doctor if you have any other medical conditions, take any other medicines, or are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.**

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I take Neo-Mercazole?](#) in the full CMI.

### 3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with Neo-Mercazole and affect how it works.

A list of these medicines is in Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

### 4. How do I use Neo-Mercazole?

Take Neo-Mercazole exactly as your doctor has prescribed. Your doctor will tell you how many Neo-Mercazole tablets to take each day. Swallow the tablets whole with a glass of water. Do not chew the tablets.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How do I take Neo-Mercazole?](#) in the full CMI.

### 5. What should I know while using Neo-Mercazole?

<b>Things you should do</b>	Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are taking Neo-Mercazole. Call your doctor straight away if you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• become pregnant while taking Neo-Mercazole</li><li>• develop fever or abdominal pain</li><li>• develop fatigue, weight loss and muscle and joint pain.</li></ul>
<b>Things you should not do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not stop using this medicine suddenly or change the dosage without checking with your doctor.</li><li>• Do not take Neo-Mercazole to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.</li><li>• Do not give your medicine to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you.</li><li>• Do not let yourself run out of medicine over the weekend or on holidays</li></ul>
<b>Driving or using machines</b>	Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how Neo-Mercazole affects you.
<b>Looking after your medicine</b>	Keep your tablets in the bottle until it is time to take them. Keep your tablets in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C.

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while taking Neo-Mercazole?](#) in the full CMI.

### 6. Are there any side effects?

- Less serious side effects: nausea, headache, pain in joints, stomach upsets, skin rashes, itchiness, loss of sense of taste, hair loss.
- Serious side effects: abdominal pain, rash on the hands and feet, facial swelling, hoarseness, difficulty breathing, blood in the urine, fever, fatigue, weight loss, muscle pain.
- Very serious side effects: liver pain or yellowing of your skin or the whites of your eyes; sore throat, mouth ulcers, high temperature or fever, increased tendency for bruising or bleeding, extreme tiredness.

For more information, including what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

# Neo-Mercazole

Active ingredient(s): *carbimazole*

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using Neo-Mercazole.

**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 Neo-Mercazole.**

**Where to find information in this leaflet:**

- [1. Why am I using Neo-Mercazole?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I take Neo-Mercazole?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
- [4. How do I take Neo-Mercazole?](#)
- [5. What should I know while taking Neo-Mercazole?](#)
- [6. Are there any side effects?](#)
- [7. Product details](#)

## 1. Why am I using Neo-Mercazole?

**Neo-Mercazole contains the active ingredient carbimazole.**

Neo-Mercazole is a medicine which belongs to the group of medicines called anti-hyperthyroidism agents. These medicines work by reducing the production of thyroid hormones.

**Neo-Mercazole is used to treat hyperthyroidism or overactive thyroid gland (a condition where the thyroid gland produces too much thyroid hormone).**

## 2. What should I know before I take Neo-Mercazole?

### Warnings

**Do not use Neo-Mercazole if:**

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

**Do not take Neo-Mercazole if you have any of the following medical conditions:**

- growth of the thyroid gland downwards from the neck into the chest (retrosternal goitre)
- serious blood disorder
- severe liver disorder
- airway obstruction
- inflammation of the pancreas (acute pancreatitis) after administration of carbimazole or thiamazole.

**Check with your doctor if you:**

- have any other medical conditions, mild or moderate liver disorder
- allergic reaction to thiamazole or propylthiouracil (medicines used to treat thyroid disorders).

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor 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.

**If you get pregnant, use reliable contraception from the time you start treatment and during treatment.**

**Neo-Mercazole can cause harm to an unborn baby.**

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

Neo-Mercazole crosses the placenta and passes into breast milk. Your doctor can discuss with you the risks and benefits of using Neo-Mercazole if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

## 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 Neo-Mercazole and affect how it works.**

- iodine or any preparation containing iodine
- theophylline, used to treat asthma or breathing problems
- medicines called anticoagulants, which are used to thin blood e.g. warfarin
- prednisolone, used to treat allergic disorders, skin conditions, ulcerative colitis, arthritis, lupus, psoriasis or breathing disorders
- erythromycin, used to treat bacterial infections
- digitalis, used to treat heart conditions
- beta-blockers, used to treat heart conditions and high blood pressure.

These medicines may be affected by Neo-Mercazole or may affect how well it works. You may need to use different amounts of your medicines, or you may need to take different medicines.

**Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect Neo-Mercazole.**

## 4. How do I take Neo-Mercazole?

### How much to take

- Take Neo-Mercazole exactly as your doctor has prescribed.
- Your doctor will tell you how many Neo-Mercazole tablets to take each day.
- Be sure to keep your appointments with your doctor so that your progress can be checked.
- Your dose of Neo-Mercazole may change from time to time according to your progress.

### When to take Neo-Mercazole

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

### How to take Neo-Mercazole

- Swallow the tablets whole with a glass of water.
- Do not chew the tablets.

### How long to take Neo-Mercazole

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

### If you forget to take Neo-Mercazole

Neo-Mercazole should be used regularly at the same time each day.

**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.**

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

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

If you have trouble remembering your dose, ask your pharmacist for some hints.

### If you use too much Neo-Mercazole

If you think that you have used too much Neo-Mercazole, 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 taking Neo-Mercazole?

### Things you should do

**Call your doctor straight away if you:**

- become pregnant while taking Neo-Mercazole.
- develop fever or abdominal pain, as these may be signs of inflammation of the pancreas (acute pancreatitis)
- develop fatigue, weight loss and muscle and joint pain, as these may be signs of inflammation of the blood vessels (vasculitis)

You may need to stop taking Neo-Mercazole.

Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using Neo-Mercazole.

### Things you should not do

- Do not stop using this medicine suddenly or change the dosage without checking with your doctor.
- Do not let yourself run out of medicine over the weekend or on holidays.
- Do not take Neo-Mercazole 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.

### Driving or using machines

**Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how Neo-Mercazole affects you.**

### Looking after your medicine

- **Keep your tablets in the bottle until it is time to take them.** If you take the tablets out of the bottle they may not keep well.
- Keep your tablets 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.

**Keep it where young children cannot reach it.**

A locked cupboard at least one-and-a-half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

### When to discard your 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?

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

See the information below and, if you need to, ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any further questions about side effects.

### Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nausea</li><li>• Headache</li><li>• pain in joints</li><li>• stomach upsets</li><li>• skin rashes</li><li>• itchiness</li><li>• loss of sense of taste</li><li>• hair loss.</li></ul>	<p><b>Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.</b></p>

### Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• abdominal pain</li><li>• rash on the hands and feet</li><li>• facial swelling</li><li>• hoarseness</li><li>• difficulty breathing</li><li>• blood in urine</li><li>• fatigue</li><li>• weight loss</li><li>• muscle pain</li></ul> <p><b>Other very serious side effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• liver pain, or yellowing of your skin or the whites of your eyes</li><li>• sore throat</li><li>• mouth ulcers</li><li>• high temperature or fever</li><li>• increased tendency for bruising or bleeding,</li><li>• extreme tiredness</li></ul>	<p><b>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.</b></p>

**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](http://www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems). By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

**Always make sure you speak to your doctor or pharmacist before you decide to stop taking any of your medicines.**

## 7. Product details

This medicine is only available with a doctor's prescription.

### What Neo-Mercazole contains

<b>Active ingredient (main ingredient)</b>	5 mg of Carbimazole
<b>Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• lactose monohydrate</li><li>• maize starch</li><li>• sucrose</li><li>• magnesium stearate</li><li>• purified talc</li><li>• acacia</li><li>• iron oxide red</li><li>• gelatin.</li></ul>
<b>Potential allergens</b>	Lactose

This medicine does not contain gluten.

**Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.**

### What Neo-Mercazole looks like

Neo-Mercazole tablets are round, pale pink and are embossed with 'Neo 5' on one side and plain on the other. Each bottle contains 100 tablets.

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### Who distributes Neo-Mercazole

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