



Please read right through this leaflet before you start using this medicine.

This medicine is available without prescription, but you still need to use Panadol ActiFast tablets carefully to get the best results from them.

- Keep this leaflet, you may need to read it again.
- If you have any questions, or if there is anything you do not understand, ask your pharmacist.

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1. What Panadol ActiFast does

Panadol ActiFast is used for fast pain relief of headaches, including migraine and tension headaches, toothache, backache, rheumatic and muscle pains, and period pain.

It also relieves sore throat and the feverishness, aches and pains of colds and flu.

The active ingredient is paracetamol which is a painkiller and also reduces your temperature when you have a fever.

2. Check before you take Panadol ActiFast



Do not take Panadol ActiFast:

- if you have ever had an allergic reaction to paracetamol or to any of the other ingredients (listed in Section 6)
- if you are taking other medicines containing paracetamol.



Ask your doctor before you take this medicine:

- if you have liver or kidney disease, including alcoholic liver disease
- if you are on a controlled sodium diet. Each tablet contains 173 mg of sodium.



If you are taking other medicines

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking these tablets if you are taking any prescribed medicines; particularly metoclopramide or domperidone (for nausea [feeling sick] or vomiting [being sick]) or colestyramine (to lower blood cholesterol). If you take blood thinning drugs (anticoagulants e.g. warfarin) and you need to take a pain reliever on a daily basis, talk to your doctor because of the risk of bleeding. But you can still take occasional doses of Panadol ActiFast at the same time as anticoagulants.



Pregnancy and breast feeding

Talk to your doctor before taking Panadol ActiFast if you are pregnant. You can take this product whilst breast feeding.

3. How to take Panadol ActiFast



Adults and children aged 12 years and over:

Swallow 2 tablets with half a tumbler of water (100 ml), every 4 hours as needed.

To obtain fast action pain relief, the dose must be 2 tablets and must be taken with half a tumbler of water (100 ml). For fastest pain relief, this should be on an empty stomach.



- Do not take more frequently than every 4 hours.
- Do not take more than 8 tablets in 24 hours.
- Do not take more than the recommended dose.
- Do not give to children under 12 years.

If you take too many tablets

Immediate medical advice should be sought in the event of an overdose, even if you feel well, because of the risk of delayed, serious liver damage.

If your symptoms continue or your headache becomes persistent, see your doctor.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, Panadol ActiFast can have side effects but not everybody gets them. A small number of people have had side effects.

Stop taking the medicine and tell your doctor immediately if you experience:

- Allergic reactions which may be severe such as skin rash and itching sometimes with swelling of the mouth or face or shortness of breath
- Skin rash or peeling, or mouth ulcers
- Breathing problems. These are more likely if you have experienced them before when taking other painkillers such as ibuprofen and aspirin
- Unexplained bruising or bleeding
- Nausea, sudden weight loss, loss of appetite and yellowing of the eyes and skin.

If you do get any side effects, even those not mentioned in this leaflet, tell your doctor or pharmacist.

5. How to store Panadol ActiFast

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Do not use this medicine after the 'EXP' date shown on the pack.

Do not store above 25°C.

6. Further information

Active ingredient: Each tablet contains Paracetamol 500 mg.

Other ingredients: Sodium bicarbonate, starch pregelatinised, povidone, maize starch, potassium sorbate (E 202), microcrystalline cellulose, magnesium stearate, carnauba wax, titanium dioxide (E 171), polydextrose, hypromellose, glycerol triacetate, polyethylene glycol.

Packs of Panadol ActiFast contain 8 or 14 tablets.

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