

DIMETAPP INFANT DROPS & COLOUR FREE INFANT DROPS

Consumer Medicine Information

What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about Dimetapp Infant Drops & Dimetapp Colour Free Infant Drops. It does not contain all the available information.

It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

Keep this leaflet with the medicine.

You may need to read it again.

What Dimetapp Infant Drops & Dimetapp Colour Free Infant Drops are used for

Dimetapp Infant Drops & Dimetapp Colour Free Infant Drops have been developed specifically for children. For adults there are other Dimetapp preparations, which can be used.

Dimetapp Infant Drops & Dimetapp Colour Free Infant Drops temporarily relieve some of the symptoms of the common cold and allergies like hayfever. Dimetapp Infant Drops & Dimetapp Colour Free Infant Drops can be used for the temporary relief of blocked nose or sinuses, runny nose associated with common colds, itchy watery eyes and sneezing associated with allergies like hayfever.

Phenylephrine Hydrochloride is a nasal decongestant, which assists in

drying a running nose or reducing sinus and nasal congestion.

Brompheniramine Maleate is an antihistamine, which reduces the allergic response, thereby providing relief of itchy watery eyes and sneezing.

Before you use Dimetapp Infant Drops & Dimetapp Colour Free Infant Drops

Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if:

- 1. Your child has any allergies to:**
 - * any other medicines
 - * any other substances, such as foods, preservatives or dyes, or ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- 2. Your child has or has had any medical conditions, especially the following:**
 - * treatment for thyroid conditions
 - * treatment for depression
 - * diabetes
 - * difficulty in breathing
 - * high blood pressure or heart problems
 - * persistent cough
 - * asthma
 - * glaucoma
 - * difficulty in passing urine

- 3. Your child is scheduled for surgery**

If you forget to use it

If it is almost time for your child's next dose, skip the dose you missed and give the next dose when you are meant to. Otherwise, use it as soon as you remember and then go back to using Dimetapp Infant Drops or Dimetapp Colour Free Infant Drops as you would normally.

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

If you use too much (overdose)

Immediately telephone your doctor or Poisons Information Centre (telephone 13 11 26) or go to casualty at your nearest hospital, if you think that you or anyone else may have used too much Dimetapp Infant Drops or Dimetapp Colour Free Infant Drops. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. Keep telephone numbers of these handy.

While you are using Dimetapp Infant Drops or Dimetapp Colour Free Infant Drops

Things you must do

If anyone in the family becomes pregnant and happens to use Dimetapp Infant Drops or Dimetapp Colour Free Infant Drops, tell your doctor or pharmacist immediately.

If your child is about to be started on any new medicine tell your doctor, dentist or pharmacist that you are using Dimetapp Infant Drops or Dimetapp Colour Free Infant Drops.

Things to be careful of

If adults happen to use Dimetapp Infant Drops or Dimetapp Colour Free Infant Drops be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how the medication affects you.

Side Effects

Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if your child does not feel well whilst using Dimetapp Infant Drops or Dimetapp Colour Free Infant Drops.

Dimetapp Infant Drops & Dimetapp Colour Free Infant Drops may have unwanted side effects in a few children. All medicines can have side effects. Ask for the advice of your doctor or pharmacist if you have any concerns about the effects of using this medicine.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any of the following side effects:

- * nausea (feeling sick),
- * skin rash which may be itchy
- * weariness
- * drowsiness
- * dilated pupils of the eye

- * high or low blood pressure
- * irritability or excitement
- * giddiness
- * dryness of the mouth

Some children may experience other side effects while using Dimetapp Infant Drops or Dimetapp Colour Free Infant Drops.

Do not be alarmed by this list of possible side effects. Your child may not experience any of them.

Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are giving any other medicines to your child, including any that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop. In particular, you should tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are using:

- * any medicine which contains antihistamines
- * nasal decongestants from other cough, cold or allergy products
- * medicine used to treat depression
- * medicines used to treat high blood pressure

Your doctor and pharmacist have more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid whilst using Dimetapp Infant Drops or Dimetapp Colour Free Infant Drops.

How to use Dimetapp Infant Drops & Dimetapp Colour Free Infant Drops

How much to use

Administer by mouth 0.15 mL per kilogram of body weight per dose every 6 to 8 hours. For a 5 kg infant this is 0.75 mL.

For infants between 1 and 6 months the dosage shown below should be used only on your doctor's advice.

1-3 months: 0.75 to 1.0 mL

6-8 hourly.

3-6 months: 1.0 to 1.25 mL

6-8 hourly.

Do not administer to children under 2 years of age without advice from your doctor or pharmacist.

6-12 months: 1.25 to 1.5 mL

6-8 hourly.

1 to 2 years: 1.5 to 2.0 mL

6-8 hourly.

For older children of average weight recommended dosage is:

2 to 4 years: 2.0 to 2.5 mL

6-8 hourly.

4 to 6 years: 2.5 to 3.0 mL

6-8 hourly.

Paediatric Use

Dimetapp Infant Drops & Dimetapp Colour Free Infant Drops should not be used in premature babies and those less than one month old. Do not exceed recommended dosage.

Always rinse the dropper well with hot water after use before returning it to the carton

After using Dimetapp Infant Drops & Dimetapp Colour Free Infant Drops

Storage

Keep Dimetapp Infant Drops & Dimetapp Colour Free Infant Drops in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25 degrees C.

Do not leave it in the car or on window sills.

Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

Keep it where children cannot reach it.

Disposal

After the expiry date has passed, any unused Dimetapp Infant Drops or Dimetapp Colour Free Infant Drops should be returned to your pharmacist so that it can be disposed of safely.

Product description

What it looks like

Dimetapp Infant Drops is a clear purple-coloured liquid & Dimetapp Colour Free Infant is a clear, colourless liquid.

Ingredients

Dimetapp Infant Drops or Dimetapp Colour Free Infant Drops is a combination of the following medicines per 1mL:

Brompheniramine Maleate - 0.8mg

Phenylephrine Hydrochloride - 1.0 mg

Dimetapp Infant Drops or Dimetapp Colour Free Infant Drops also contain Saccharin Sodium, Sodium Benzoate, Ethanol, Citric Acid - Anhydrous, Sorbitol and Water-purified. Both products are Sugar-free (contains Sorbitol).

Only Dimetapp Infant Drops contains additionally Brilliant Blue FCF CI42090, Amaranth CI16185 and Flavour (Grape)

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