

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

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

1. Why am I using CILICAINE VK?

CILICAINE VK contains the active ingredient phenoxymethylpenicillin (as potassium). CILICAINE VK is used to treat infections in different parts of the body caused by bacteria.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I taking CILICAINE VK?](#) in the full CMI.

2. What should I know before I take CILICAINE VK?

Do not take if you have ever had an allergic reaction to phenoxymethylpenicillin (as potassium), any other penicillin medicines or cephalosporins, 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 CILICAINE VK?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with CILICAINE VK 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 take CILICAINE VK?

- The usual dose for adults: 250 mg to 500 mg every four to six hours.
- To prevent recurrence of rheumatic fever: 250 mg twice a day for as long as your doctor tells you to.

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

5. What should I know while taking CILICAINE VK?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are taking CILICAINE VK.• Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while taking CILICAINE VK.• If your symptoms do not improve within a few days, or if they become worse, tell your doctor immediately.• If you get diarrhoea, nausea or vomiting, tell your doctor or pharmacist immediately. Do this even if it occurs several weeks after you have stopped taking CILICAINE VK.• If you are about to have any blood or urine tests, tell your doctor that you are taking this medicine.• Tell your doctor if you get a sore mouth or tongue while taking or after you have stopped taking CILICAINE VK.
Things you should not do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not take any medicine for diarrhoea without first checking with your doctor or pharmacist.• Do not stop taking CILICAINE VK without checking with your doctor.
Driving or using machines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how CILICAINE VK affects you.
Looking after your medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep your capsules in a cool, dry place (below 25°C) in its original packaging.• Do not store CILICAINE VK in the bathroom, near a sink or leave it in the car on hot days.• Keep your tablets where young children cannot reach it.

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

6. Are there any side effects?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any of the following and they worry you: skin rash, nausea or vomiting, black hairy tongue, diarrhoea, upset stomach or difficulty in breathing.

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.

CILICAINE® VK

Active ingredient(s): *phenoxymethylpenicillin (as potassium)*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about taking CILICAINE VK. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about taking CILICAINE VK.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

1. [Why am I taking CILICAINE VK?](#)
2. [What should I know before I take CILICAINE VK?](#)
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1. Why am I taking CILICAINE VK?

CILICAINE VK contains the active ingredient **phenoxymethylpenicillin (as potassium)**. CILICAINE VK is a type of antibiotic that belongs to the group of medicines called penicillins.

CILICAINE VK is used to treat infections in different parts of the body caused by bacteria. It works by killing the bacteria that are causing the infection.

CILICAINE VK will not work against infections caused by viruses such as colds or the flu.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why this medicine has been prescribed for you.

Your doctor may have prescribed CILICAINE VK for another purpose.

2. What should I know before I take CILICAINE VK?

Warnings

Do not take CILICAINE VK if:

- you are allergic to any medicine containing phenoxymethylpenicillin, any other penicillin medicines or cephalosporins, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
If you have an allergic reaction to cephalosporin you may have an increased chance of being allergic to CILICAINE VK.
Some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction may include:
 - o shortness of breath
 - o wheezing or difficulty breathing
 - o swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body
 - o rash, itching or hives on the skin
 - o nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea

Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.

- the expiry date printed on the pack has passed or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

If you are not sure whether you should start taking this medicine, contact your doctor.

Check with your doctor if you:

- have any allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes
- have or have had any of the following medical conditions:
 - o diarrhoea after taking antibiotics previously
 - o bleeding disorders
 - o kidney problems
 - o liver problems
 - o asthma or have the tendency to develop allergic conditions such as hay fever or eczema
 - o any other health problem

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

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breast-feeding.

Your doctor can discuss with you the risks and benefits involved.

The active ingredient in CILICAINE VK passes into breast milk and there is a possibility that your baby may be affected.

If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell them before you start taking CILICAINE VK.

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 CILICAINE VK may interfere with each other. These include:

- probenecid, a medicine used to treat gout
- antacids, medicines used to reduce heartburn or indigestion
- oral contraceptive pills, medicines used for contraception

You may need to use other birth control methods while you are taking CILICAINE VK.

- aminoglycosides, medicines used to treat some bacterial infections

- methotrexate, a medicine used to treat rheumatoid arthritis, some cancers and inflammatory conditions

These medicines may be affected by CILICAINE VK or may affect how well it works. You may need 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 CILICAINE VK.

4. How do I take CILICAINE VK?

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

They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet.

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

How much to take

- The usual dose is:
 - Adults: 250 mg to 500 mg every four to six hours.
 - To prevent recurrence of rheumatic fever: 250 mg twice a day for as long as your doctor tells you to.
- The dose you take will depend on the type of treatment you are to receive. Your doctor will decide your dose and how long you take CILICAINE VK for.

How to take it

- Swallow the capsules whole with a glass of water.

When to take CILICAINE VK

- CILICAINE VK should be taken 1 hour before food.

How long to take it

- Continue taking your medicine until you finish the pack or for as long as your doctor tells you.

It is important to keep taking your medicine even if you feel well.

If you forget to take CILICAINE VK

CILICAINE VK should be used regularly at the same time each day.

If it is less than 4 hours before your next dose, skip the dose you missed and take your next dose when you are meant to.

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

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

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

If you have trouble remembering to take your medicine, ask your pharmacist for some hints.

If you take too much CILICAINE VK

If you think that you or anyone else have taken too much CILICAINE VK, urgent medical attention may be needed.

You should immediately:

- phone the Poisons Information Centre (Australia telephone 13 11 26) for advice, 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. You may need urgent medical attention.

5. What should I know while taking CILICAINE VK?

Things you should do

- If you are about to be started on any new medicine, remind your doctor and pharmacist that you are taking CILICAINE VK.
- Tell any other doctors, dentists and pharmacists who treat you that you are taking this medicine.
- If you are about to have any blood or urine tests, tell your doctor that you are taking this medicine.

It may interfere with the results of some tests.

Call your doctor straight away if:

- you become pregnant while taking this medicine.
- your symptoms do not improve within a few days, or if they become worse.
- If you get diarrhoea, nausea or vomiting. Do this even if it occurs several weeks after you have stopped taking CILICAINE VK.

Diarrhoea may mean that you have a serious condition affecting your bowel. You may need urgent medical care.

Things you should not do

- Do not take any medicine for diarrhoea without first checking with your doctor or pharmacist.
- Do not take CILICAINE VK 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.
- Do not stop taking CILICAINE VK without checking with your doctor.

Your infection and symptoms may not clear completely.

Things to be careful of

Tell your doctor if you get a sore mouth or tongue while taking or after you have stopped taking CILICAINE VK.

This could be due to a fungal infection called thrush. This may also result in fever and irritation in your stomach.

Driving or using machines

Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how CILICAINE VK affects you.

Looking after your medicine

- Keep your capsules in the pack until it is time to take them.
If you take the capsules out of the pack they may not keep well.
- Keep your capsules in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C.

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.

Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

Keep it where children cannot reach it.

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

Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If your doctor tells you to stop taking this medicine or the expiry date has passed, ask your pharmacist what to do with any medicine that is left over.

6. Are there any side effects?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are taking CILICAINE VK.

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.

Do not be alarmed by the following lists of side effects. You may not experience any of them.

Side effects

Side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none">skin rashnausea or vomitingblack hairy tonguediarrhoeaupset stomachdifficulty in breathing	Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any of the following and they worry you.

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.

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 CILICAINE VK contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	CILICAINE VK contains 250 mg or 500 mg of phenoxymethylpenicillin as the active ingredient.
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">magnesium stearategelatintitanium dioxideiron oxide redpurified watersodium lauryl sulfate
Potential allergens	CILICAINE VK 250 mg capsules: sulfites and 28 mg of elemental potassium per capsule. CILICAINE VK 500 mg capsules: sulfites and 56 mg of elemental potassium per capsule.

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

What CILICAINE VK looks like

CILICAINE VK 250 mg capsules: Size 2 hard gelatin capsule shell, opaque, maroon. (AUST R 339013)

CILICAINE VK 500 mg capsules: Size 0 hard capsule, opaque, maroon in colour (AUST R 339012)

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