

Calpol

Sugar Free

Infant Suspension

Contains 120mg Paracetamol per 5ml

Patient Information Leaflet

This leaflet is a summary of the information about Calpol Sugar Free Infant Suspension. Read it carefully before you use any of the medicine. This medicine is suitable for children under 6 years old and also suits adults who find it easier to swallow than tablets. However you still need to use this product carefully to get the best results from it.

- If you have any queries or are unsure of anything talk to your doctor or pharmacist
- Keep this leaflet as you may want to read it again

What Calpol Sugar Free Infant Suspension is and what it is used for

This product is a pink, strawberry flavoured sugar free oral suspension which contains 120 mg of the active ingredient Paracetamol per 5 ml of medicine.

It also contains the following ingredients: Maltitol liquid, glycerol, Polysorbate 80, sorbitol solution, methyl parahydroxybenzoate (E218), propyl parahydroxybenzoate (E216), ethyl parahydroxybenzoate (E214), dispersible cellulose, xanthan gum and purified water. The flavouring is strawberry and colouring is carmoisine (E122).

Each 5 ml spoonful of this product contains 0.7 g of sorbitol solution.

Calpol Sugar Free Infant Suspension is available in 140 ml bottles or packs of 10 x 5 ml sachets.

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Paracetamol is a painkiller and an antipyretic, which means it reduces fever (lowers a high temperature). Calpol Sugar Free Infant Suspension is used to relieve pain and bring down a fever (high temperature). This medicine can also be used to treat post-immunisation fever.

Before taking Calpol Sugar Free Infant Suspension

This product is suitable for most people but a few people should not use it. If you are in any doubt you should contact your doctor or pharmacist.

Do not give your child this medicine if:

- He or she has ever had a bad reaction to any of the ingredients
- He or she is taking any other paracetamol containing products

Take special care with Calpol Sugar Free Infant Suspension if:

- Your child has any serious kidney or liver problems.
- Your child has an inherited intolerance to fructose.
- Your child is taking any other medicines including:
 - tricyclic antidepressants
 - sedatives
 - metoclopramide or domperidone (used to treat nausea and vomiting)
 - cholestyramine (used to treat high cholesterol)
 - anticoagulants (drugs that thin your blood such as warfarin)
 - anticonvulsants (drugs to treat epilepsy)

If you are unsure if the medicine your child is taking is one of those mentioned above, then show the bottle or pack to your pharmacist.

You should consult your doctor if any of the above statements apply to your child.

The following additional warnings are included in case an adult is taking this product:

- You can use this product while you are taking oral contraceptives ('the pill'), but Calpol Sugar Free Infant Suspension may not work so well on your pain or fever.
- If you drink large amounts of alcohol, you may be more susceptible to the side-effects of paracetamol.
- You should ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine in pregnancy or whilst breast-feeding.

If you have any queries regarding this product you should talk to your pharmacist or doctor before taking this product.

Important information about some of the ingredients

Glycerol, maltitol liquid and sorbitol can occasionally cause stomach upsets and diarrhoea at high doses. The sorbitol content of this product means that this product is unsuitable for people with inherited intolerance to fructose. Glycerol and maltitol may occasionally cause headaches. Carmoisine (E122) may cause allergic type reactions such as asthma, this is more common in those people who are allergic to aspirin.

How to use this product

Calpol Sugar Free Infant Suspension has a strawberry flavour and is easy to swallow. It is suitable for children under 6 years. There is a double-ended spoon in the pack. The large end is a 5 ml spoon and the small end is a 2.5 ml spoon. Each sachet contains 5 ml of this medicine. Check the table below to see how much medicine to use.

- Shake the bottle thoroughly (bottle pack only).
- Do not use more spoonfuls (sachets) than shown in the table.
- If the pain or fever is not getting better after a few days talk to your doctor.
- Any unused contents of an open sachet should be discarded.

AGE	DOSAGE
Infants under 3 months	A single 2.5 ml spoonful (half a sachet) if your baby is feverish after vaccination at 2 months. A second 2.5 ml spoonful (half a sachet) may be given, if necessary, after 4-6 hours. If the fever does not get better or if your baby is ill for any other reason, speak to your doctor. Do not use this medicine unless your doctor tells you to.

AGE	DOSAGE
Infants 3 to 12 months	One to two small (2.5 ml) spoonfuls (half a sachet) up to 4 times a day.
Children 1 to 6 years	One to two large (5 ml) spoonfuls (sachets) up to 4 times a day.
Children over 6 years	Ask a pharmacist to recommend a suitable product.

Leave at least 4 hours between doses.
Do not use more than 4 doses each day.
Do not give your child this medicine for more than 3 days without speaking to your doctor.

If anybody takes more of this medicine than they should

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

If you forget to give Calpol Sugar Free Infant Suspension

Just give the next dose when needed. Do NOT give a double dose.

Possible side-effects

Like all medicines Calpol Sugar Free Infant Suspension can have some side-effects, although these are rare and usually mild. Tell your doctor as soon as is possible if you notice any of the following:

- Skin rashes or other sorts of allergy.
- Very rarely, people taking paracetamol can feel unusually tired, get unexpected bruising or bleeding and get more infections (such as colds) than usual.

People who use medicines containing paracetamol every day for a long time (several months or more) could get certain side-effects, including liver and kidney damage. People taking paracetamol in the usual way for shorter periods have not had these problems.

If you notice any side-effects not included in this leaflet please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

Storing this product

Keep the product out of the reach and sight of children.

Do not store above 25°C. Keep container in outer carton.

Do not use after the expiry date on the label.

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