



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

This medicine is available without prescription, but you still need to use Piriton Allergy 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 Piriton Allergy Tablets do**

Piriton Allergy Tablets are used to treat the allergic symptoms of hayfever and other allergies.

The active ingredient is chlorphenamine maleate, an antihistamine which can help to relieve the symptoms of some allergies and itchy skin rashes. It can be used to treat the itchiness, redness, swelling, tenderness and irritation that can be caused by:

- hayfever and other allergies e.g. pet, house dust mite and mould spore allergies
- nettle rash and hives
- skin allergies and dermatitis

- prickly heat and heat rash
- reactions to food, food additives or medicines
- insect bites and stings
- the itchy rash of chickenpox.

## **2. Check before you take Piriton Allergy Tablets**



### **Do not take Piriton Allergy Tablets:**

- if you have ever had an allergic reaction to antihistamines or to any of the ingredients (listed in Section 6)
- if you have taken **monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs)** prescribed for **depression** in the **last two weeks**
- If you are taking other medicines containing other antihistamines, including products for the relief of colds and coughs.



### **Take special care with Piriton Allergy Tablets**

- Talk to your doctor before you take these tablets if you have **very high blood pressure, heart disease, epilepsy, glaucoma, enlarged prostate, liver disease, kidney disease, bronchitis, asthma, bronchiectasis or chronic lung disorders** (difficulty in breathing and cough that won't go away).
- **Avoid drinking alcohol with this medicine.**
- **Do not drive or operate machinery** if the tablets make you feel drowsy, dizzy or if you experience blurred vision.
- If you have been told by your doctor that you have an **intolerance to some sugars**, contact your doctor before using Piriton Allergy Tablets.



### **If you are taking other medicines**

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using this medicine if you are taking any prescribed medicines; particularly **phenytoin** (for **epilepsy**) or medicines for **anxiety** or to **help you sleep**.



### **Pregnancy and breast feeding**

**Talk to your doctor** before taking Piriton Allergy Tablets if you are **pregnant** or **breast feeding**.

### 3. How to take Piriton Allergy Tablets



The tablet can be divided into equal doses.

Adults and children aged 12 years and over:  
**Take one tablet every 4 to 6 hours as needed.**

**Do not take more than 6 tablets in 24 hours.**

Children aged 6 to 12 years:

**Give ½ tablet every 4 to 6 hours as needed.**

**Do not give more than 6 half tablets in 24 hours.**

Elderly:

**Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before you take this medicine as you may be more likely to get side effects including confusion and you may need to take a lower daily dose. Maximum daily dose: 3 tablets (12 mg) in any 24 hours.**



- Do not take more than the recommended dose.
- The minimum time interval between doses should be 4 hours.
- Do not use continuously for more than 14 days without consulting a doctor.
- Do not give to children under 6 years

#### If you take too many tablets

Contact your doctor or casualty department. Do not drive if you have taken too many tablets.

#### If you forget to take the tablets

Take one as soon as you remember, unless it is nearly time to take the next one.

Never take two doses together.

If your symptoms persist, see your doctor.

### 4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, Piriton Allergy Tablets can have side effects, but not everybody gets them. Children and older people are more prone to side effects.

#### Stop using this product and consult your doctor if you experience:

Allergic reaction which can be severe. Signs include:

- Raised and itchy rash (hives)
- Swelling, sometimes of the face or mouth causing difficulty in breathing
- Collapse

These reactions are rare.

#### Possible side effects:

Very Common (affects more than 1 in 10 people)

- drowsiness and sedation

Common (affects between 1 in 10 and 1 in 100 people)

- disturbance in concentrating, un-coordination, dizziness, headache
- blurred vision
- feeling or being sick, dry mouth
- fatigue

**Other side effects may include:** allergic reactions, swelling of the skin, loss of appetite, confusion, excitation, irritability, nightmares, low blood pressure, thickening of phlegm, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhoea, indigestion or upset stomach, itchy skin, rash, sensitivity to the sun, muscle twitching, muscle weakness, difficulty passing water, chest tightness, low blood count, bruising, hepatitis (severe stomach pain, nausea or vomiting and loss of appetite and/or jaundice (yellow colouring of the skin or the whites of the eyes)).

**If you get any side effects,** talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.

This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects via the Yellow Card Scheme at:

[www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard) or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

### 5. How to store Piriton Allergy Tablets

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

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

Store below 30°C.

### 6. Further information

**Active ingredient** Each tablet contains Chlorphenamine Maleate 4 mg.

**Other ingredients** Lactose, maize starch, yellow iron oxide (E 172), magnesium stearate and water.

Each tablet is round, yellow and engraved with a 'P' to one side of the breakline; the reverse face has a breakline only.

Packs of Piriton Allergy Tablets contain 30 or 60 tablets.

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