

SALBUTAMOL SULFATE 2 mg Tablets

Dear patient,

Please read the following instructions carefully. They contain important information about the use of this medicine. If you have any further questions, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Information about SALBUTAMOL

Each tablet contains 2 mg salbutamol (as salbutamol sulfate).

Salbutamol is a direct-acting sympathomimetic with predominantly beta-adrenergic activity and a selective action on beta 2 receptors (a beta 2 agonist).

Salbutamol is used as a bronchodilator in the management of reversible airways obstruction, as in asthma and in some patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Salbutamol sulfate also decreases uterine contractility and may be given to arrest premature labour.

The way to take SALBUTAMOL

Take salbutamol as directed by your physician. Do not discontinue the treatment without consulting your doctor.

The usual recommended doses are:

Age	Dose
Children 6 to 12 years	The usual starting dose is 2 mg (1 tablet) three or four times daily Maximum daily dose is 24 mg in divided doses
Adults and children 12 years of age and older	The usual starting dose is 2 to 4 mg (1 to 2 tablets) three or four times daily Some patients may require doses of up to 8 mg (4 tablets) three or four times daily. The maximum daily dose is 32 mg.
Elderly patients	The usual starting dose is 2 mg (1 tablet) three or four times daily If adequate bronchodilation is not obtained, dosage may be increased gradually up to 8 mg (4 tablets) three or four times daily

In case of overdose

In case of intake of high doses of this medication, inform your doctor at once. General measures should be adopted.

In case of missed dose

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember unless the next intake is near. Go on taking the next scheduled dose as directed. Do not take a double dose at once.

Contraindications

This drug is contraindicated in case of known hypersensitivity to any of the components.

Precautions

- This drug should be used with caution in patients with cardiovascular disorders (especially coronary insufficiency, cardiac arrhythmias, and hypertension), convulsive disorders, hyperthyroidism or diabetes mellitus.

- Do not increase the dose or frequency of administration unless directed by your doctor. If you find that treatment becomes less effective for symptomatic relief, your symptoms become worse, and/or you need to use the product more frequently than usual, you should seek medical attention immediately.

- While you are taking salbutamol tablets, other asthma medications and inhaled drugs should be taken only as directed by your physician.
- If you are pregnant or nursing contact your physician about the use of this drug.

Associations with other medications

Please inform your doctor if other medicines are being taken or have been taken recently. The concomitant use of salbutamol and other oral sympathomimetic agents is not recommended.

This drug should be administered with caution to patients being treated with monoamine oxidase inhibitors MAOI or tricyclic antidepressants, or within two weeks of discontinuation of such agents.

Use with caution with diuretics, digoxin, oral antidiabetics, corticosteroids and beta-blockers.

Adverse reactions

The most reported adverse effects include palpitations, headache, chest pain, rapid heart rate, tremor or nervousness.

Hypertension, serum chemistry or hematologic values disturbances (such as hypokalemia, increases in blood glucose concentrations), nausea, vomiting, dizziness, sweating, muscle cramps, sleep disturbances, unusual taste, drying or irritation of the oropharynx, paradoxical bronchospasm, and allergic reactions have been rarely reported.

Inform your doctor if any adverse effect appears or becomes bothersome.

Storage

Store at controlled room temperature (up to 30°C), protected from light and humidity, beyond the reach of children.

The expiry date is printed on the pack; don't use this medicine after this date.

Pack Presentation

SALBUTAMOL 2 mg (as salbutamol sulfate), pack of 100 tablets

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