

DeWorm Extra Strength

Mebendazole USP, 500mg, Chocolate chewable tablet

What is in this leaflet

Please read this leaflet carefully before you start using DeWorm Extra Strength.

This leaflet answers some common questions about DeWorm Extra Strength. It does not contain all the available information. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

All medicines have risks and benefits.

If you have any concerns about using this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Keep this leaflet with the medicine. You may need to read it again.

What DeWorm Extra Strength is used for

For the treatment of threadworm. Though rare in New Zealand, under Medical supervision DeWorm can be used for the treatment of infestation with other worms, such as hookworm, whipworm and roundworm.

DeWorm Extra Strength is a broad spectrum anti-worm medication, used for the treatment of threadworm, hookworm, whipworm, and roundworm infestations.

DeWorm Extra Strength works by inhibiting the uptake of glucose by the susceptible worms, leading to glycogen depletion and reduced generation of ATP required for survival. As a result, the parasites die or are immobilised slowly, and their clearance from the gastrointestinal tract may not be complete until the third day after treatment.

Before you use DeWorm Extra Strength

When you must not use it

Do not use DeWorm Extra Strength:

- In children under two years of age (consult your doctor)
- If you are pregnant (consult your doctor if breastfeeding)

- If you are sensitive to the active ingredient, mebendazole

If you are not sure whether you should use DeWorm Extra Strength, talk to your doctor.

Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor if:

- You are breastfeeding
- Taking medication containing phenytoin, carbamazepine, or cimetidine

If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell them before you use DeWorm Extra Strength.

Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines, including medicines that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop. You should also tell any health professional who is prescribing a new medication for you that you have taken DeWorm Extra Strength.

Some medicines may interfere with DeWorm Extra Strength. These include:

- Medicines containing phenytoin, carbamazepine, or cimetidine

These medicines may be affected by DeWorm Extra Strength, or may affect how well it works. You may need different amounts of your medicine, or you may need to take different medicines.

Your doctor or pharmacist has more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while taking DeWorm Extra Strength.

How to use DeWorm Extra Strength

How much to take

Children (2 - 12 years of age), and adults:

Chew or swallow one tablet as a single dose. It may be broken up and consumed with food if preferred.

When to take it

Consume at any time.

How long to take it

A single dose (one tablet) is usually all that is required. Treatment may be repeated in two to three weeks' time, if needed.

If you forget to take it

Not applicable. (Once-only dose.)

While you are using DeWorm Extra Strength

Things you must do

If you are about to be started on any new medicine tell your doctor and pharmacist that you have taken DeWorm Extra Strength.

Things you must not do

Do not give DeWorm Extra Strength to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you (excluding family-member treatment as per packet recommendation).

Things to be careful of

Not applicable.

This medicine does not affect the ability to drive or operate machinery.

In case of overdose

If you take too much (overdose)

In the event of accidental overdosage, gastrointestinal upset lasting up to a few hours may occur.

Immediately telephone your doctor or the National Poisons Centre (telephone 0800 POISON or 0800 764 766), or go to accident and emergency at your nearest

hospital, if you think that you or anyone else may have taken too much DeWorm Extra Strength.

Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

Side Effects

Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are using DeWorm Extra Strength.

All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical treatment if you get some of the adverse effects. Ask your doctor or pharmacist to answer any questions you may have.

Transient symptoms of abdominal pain and diarrhoea may occur in cases of massive infestation and expulsions of worms.

Other adverse effects not listed above may also occur in some patients. Tell your doctor if you notice any other effects.

Do not be alarmed by this list of possible adverse effects. You may not experience any of them.

After using DeWorm Extra Strength

Storage

Store below 30°C. Protect from light and moisture. Dispose following expiration date.

Store all medicines out of reach of children.

Disposal

There are no specific requirements for disposal of unused medication.

Product description

What it looks like

A round, flat-faced, bevelled, light-coffee colour tablet, one side impressed with a circle and a dot in the centre.

Pack sizes of two, four, or six tablets, enclosed in foil pouches are available.

Ingredients

DeWorm Extra Strength contains lactose (dairy).

Active ingredient:

Mebendazole 500 mg

Inactive ingredients:

- Sodium saccharin
- Sodium starch glycolate
- Lactose monohydrate
- Chocolate flavour powder
- Potato starch
- Magnesium stearate
- Milk flavour powder

Sponsor Details

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