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## **Ovex Suspension (mebendazole) Product Information**

### **Presentation**

Oral suspension containing mebendazole 100mg/5ml.

### **Uses:**

For the treatment of gastrointestinal infestations of *Enterobius vermicularis* (threadworm).

### **Dosage:**

*Adults and children over 2 years:* 1 x 5 ml (1 dosing cup). It is recommended that all family members are treated at the same time to avoid re-infection and that a second dose is taken after two weeks if re-infection is suspected.

*For the indication of taeniasis:* Paediatric population / Children and adolescents (≥2 to 16 years). Data on efficacy and safety limited in this age group. Mebendazole should be used only if there is no therapeutic alternative.

### **Contraindications:**

Hypersensitivity to the product or any components and in pregnancy.

### **Precautions:**

Not recommended in children under 2 years. If symptoms do not disappear within a few days, consult a doctor. Avoid concomitant use with metronidazole and mebendazole. Patients with rare hereditary problems of fructose intolerance, glucose- galactose malabsorption or sucrose isomaltase insufficiency should not take this medicine. Methyl (E218) and propyl (E216) parahydroxybenzoate may cause acute or delayed allergic reactions. Ovex Suspension has not been extensively studied in children below the age of 2 years and should only be given to very young children if their worm infestation interferes significantly with their nutritional status and physical development. Therefore, this product should be used in children aged 1-2 years only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk. Because of the lack of sufficient safety data, Ovex Suspension should not be used in children below the age of 1 year. Glomerulonephritis and agranulocytosis have been very rarely reported with dosages substantially above those recommended and with treatment for prolonged periods of time. As higher doses and longer treatment is recommended in patients with echinococcosis, careful consideration should be given when treating patients with severe chronic hepatic diseases and/or bone marrow depression. These patients should be closely monitored with haematological, liver and renal function tests. Consider discontinuing Ovex Suspension if clinically significant laboratory abnormalities are found. Official guidelines should be taken into consideration.

### **Pregnancy and Lactation:**

Contraindicated in pregnancy. Not recommended to breast feed following administration of Ovex.

**Side effects:**

Common: abdominal pain.

Uncommon: abdominal discomfort, diarrhoea, flatulence.

Rare: neutropenia, hypersensitivity including anaphylactic and anaphylactoid reactions, convulsions, dizziness, hepatitis, abnormal liver function tests, rash, toxic epidermal necrolysis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, exanthema, angioedema, urticaria, alopecia.

Very rare: agranulocytosis, nausea, vomiting, glomerulonephritis.

*Please refer to Summary of Product Characteristics for detailed information*

**RRP (ex-VAT):** 30 ml bottle, £12.49

**Legal category:** P

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