

## PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET



### MEDICINE TO TREAT: WORM INFECTIONS

Albendazole

#### 1. What is the medicine used for?

Albendazole is used to treat some common worm infections that affect the intestines and other parts of the body.

#### 2. How should I take the medicine?

How you take this medicine will depend on the type of worm infection you have. You should follow the instructions given by your doctor.

Type of worm infection	How should the medicine be taken?
Pinworm infection Hookworm disease Roundworm infection Whipworm infection	Take one dose for one day. Take the medicine on an empty stomach.
Threadworm infection Pork/beef tapeworm infection Dwarf tapeworm infection	Take one dose every day for three days. Take the medicine on an empty stomach.
Liver fluke infections	Take one dose in the morning and one dose in the evening every day for three days. Take the medicine <b>with food</b> .
Cutaneous larva migrans	Take one dose every day for one to three days. Take the medicine <b>with food</b> .
Giardia infection	Take one dose every day for five days. Take the medicine on an empty stomach.

#### 3. What are the possible side effects of the medicine?

The common side effects of this medicine include headache, dizziness, stomach pain, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea.

It may cause changes to your liver blood test, but this does not happen often.

If the following serious side effects happen, you should see a doctor immediately:

- Yellowing of skin or eyes
- Dark coloured urine, light coloured stools
- Severe rashes with blisters, swelling and peeling

#### **4. How do I know if I am allergic to this medicine?**

The symptoms of a drug allergy include one or more of the following:

- Swollen face/eyes/lips
- Difficulty in breathing
- Itchy skin rashes over your whole body

If you experience any of these symptoms, you should stop your medicine immediately and see your doctor.

#### **5. What precautions should I follow when taking the medicine?**

If you are pregnant or planning to get pregnant or are breastfeeding, you should inform your doctor.

#### **6. How should I store the medicine?**

- Keep your medicines in the original container or packaging, tightly closed or sealed in a cool and dry place, away from direct sunlight.
- Keep the medicine out of reach of children.
- Throw away all expired medicines.

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