

Levocetirizine 5 mg Tablet / 0.5mg/ml Oral Solution / 5mg/ml Oral Drops (LEE-voe-seh-TEE-REE-zeen)

What is this medication used for

Levocetirizine is used for the relief of symptoms associated with allergic rhinitis e.g. sneezing, runny nose, itching of the nose and/or eyes. It is also used for the relief of symptoms associated with chronic skin rashes or hives. It is an antihistamine and works by stopping the effects of histamine, a chemical that causes the allergy symptoms.

How to use this medication

Adults and adolescents 12 years old and above

5mg Tablet	0.5mg/mL Oral Solution	5mg/mL Oral Drops (each ml is equivalent to 20 drops)
One tablet to be taken once daily as required	10 mL to be taken once daily as required	20 drops to be taken once daily as required

Do not use for longer than 10 days without medical advice.

Levocetirizine may be taken with or without food.

For the oral solution, shake the bottle well before use. For the oral drops, it should be poured in a spoon or diluted in water, and taken orally. The diluted solution should be taken immediately. When counting the drops, the bottle should be held vertically (top down). In case of lack of flow of drops, turn the bottle over in upright position, then hold it top down again and continue counting the drops.

Patients with impaired kidney function may be given a lower dose according to the severity of their kidney disease. Your doctor or pharmacist will determine the dose for you.

Before you use this medication

This medication should be avoided if you have a known history of allergy to levocetirizine, cetirizine or any of the other listed ingredients in the product.

Please seek your doctor's or pharmacist's advice before using this medication if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

Interactions with other medications

Be sure to inform your doctor and/or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or plan to take other medications, nutritional supplements or herbal products. Avoid taking with alcohol.

Side effects

Common side effects: tiredness, headache, drowsiness, dry mouth.

Less common side effect: abdominal pain.

Rare side effects: fast or irregular heartbeat.

When to seek further medical advice

Inform your doctor and/or pharmacist immediately if you experience any allergic symptoms (e.g. rashes, itchiness, difficulty in breathing or eye swelling) or serious side effects due to this medication.

Consult a doctor if your symptoms do not improve after 10 days of use, or if the condition worsens.

How should this medication be kept

Keep out of reach and sight of children.

Store in a cool dry place.

