



## Piriteze Allergy Syrup



Contains cetirizine hydrochloride.  
Always read the label and leaflet.

### 1 What is Piriteze Allergy Syrup used for?

Each 1 ml of oral solution contains 1 mg of cetirizine hydrochloride. Cetirizine belongs to a group of drugs called antihistamines, which help to relieve the symptoms of some allergies. The product is available in bottles of 70 ml.

### 2 What does it do?

Your medicine is used to relieve the allergic symptoms (runny and itchy nose, with or without stuffiness) caused by hayfever and other allergies eg pet and house dust mite allergies. Your medicine can also be taken for skin allergies such as rash, itching and urticaria (also known as nettle rash or hives). Urticaria can occur as a persistent condition and is recognised by the formation of raised white or reddish lumps surrounded by red inflamed areas which itch or sting.

### 3 How to use

#### Before taking this product:

Do not take if you:

- Are sensitive to any of the ingredients in the medicine.
- Have severe kidney problems.

Take special care with this syrup if you have:

- Liver problems.
- Mild or moderate kidney problems.

Tell your doctor if you are taking any of the following:

- Sedatives e.g. nitrazepam, as their effects may be increased by cetirizine.

Taking this medicine with food and drink.

- As with other antihistamines, it is advisable to avoid drinking large amounts of alcohol whilst taking this syrup.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding:

- These tablets are not recommended if you are pregnant.
- Do not take if you are breast-feeding.

Driving and using machines:

- Do not exceed the recommended dose.
- This syrup, at the recommended dose, does not cause drowsiness in the majority of people. However as with all antihistamines rare cases of drowsiness have been reported. If affected, do not drive or operate machinery.

Other Precautions you should take:

- The medicine must be discontinued 3 days before and allergy testing.
- If you take medicine for a long time there is an increased risk of tooth decay due to mouth dryness. It is important to brush your teeth regularly.

Important information about some of the ingredients of Piriteze Allergy Syrup:

- This product contains sorbitol – if you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicine.
- Sodium methyl parahydroxybenzoate (E219) and propyl parahydroxybenzoate (E216) may cause allergic reactions (possibly delayed).

## Possible side effects

Like all medicines, these tablets can have side effects occasionally. Tell your doctor if you notice any of the following:

- Headache
- Dizziness
- Agitation
- Dry mouth
- Drowsiness
- Stomach or intestinal discomfort

These are all temporary, mild side effects of this medicine. If this happens to you, stop taking this syrup and tell your doctor or go to the nearest hospital casualty department urgently if you experience a severe but rare allergic reaction (swelling of the face, lips mouth or throat which may cause difficulty swallowing or breathing). If you notice any side effects not mentioned in this leaflet, please inform your doctor or pharmacist.

If you would like to find out more about any of these products please email our customer care team who will be happy to answer any questions.



Copyright the GlaxoSmithKline group of companies 2003.

The GlaxoSmithKline logo and Allergy Answers are registered trade marks of the GlaxoSmithKline group of companies. All rights reserved. GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare, Brentford, Middlesex, TW8 9GS