

Ontin®

Film coated tablet/syrup

DESCRIPTION

Ontin® is a preparation of cetirizine hydrochloride. It is a piperazine derivative, a potent antihistamine, with anti-allergic properties. Its principal effects are mediated via selective inhibition of peripheral H₁ receptors.

INDICATIONS

- Seasonal allergic rhinitis (hay fever)
- Perennial allergic rhinitis
- Chronic idiopathic urticaria
- Atopic dermatitis and symptomatic relief of allergy; such as urticaria

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Adult and children over 6 years: 10 mg daily or 5 mg twice daily

Children 2-6 years and hay fever: 5 mg daily or 2.5 mg twice daily

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Hypersensitivity to cetirizine hydrochloride or its parent compound
- During pregnancy and breast-feeding

DRUG INTERACTIONS

There is no report of potential hazardous or beneficial drug interaction. Cetirizine does not potentiate the effect of alcohol or benzodiazepines. But as with other antihistamines, it is advisable to avoid excessive alcohol consumption.

USE IN PREGNANCY AND LACTATION

Cetirizine is not teratogenic in animals and there is no evidence to cause foetal anomalies in human. But there are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. So Cetirizine should be used in pregnancy only if clearly needed. Cetirizine is excreted in human breast milk. Therefore, it is not recommended to lactating mothers.

SIDE-EFFECTS

Ontin is well tolerated. It does not produce anticholinergic effects. Lower incidence of sedation, headache, dry mouth and gastrointestinal disturbances may occur.

PHARMACEUTICAL PRECAUTIONS

Store in a dry place. Keep out or reach of children. Do not store syrup in a refrigerator.

PACKAGING

Ontin® tablet: Box containing 10 strips of 10 tablets each. Each film coated tablet contains Cetirizine Hydrochloride BP 10 mg.

Ontin® syrup: Bottle containing 60 ml syrup. Each 5 ml contains Cetirizine Hydrochloride BP 5 mg.

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