

# Solpadeine MAX

Please read this leaflet carefully before you start to take Solpadeine MAX. If you have any questions, or if you do not understand anything, ask your doctor or pharmacist. Keep this leaflet, you may want to read it again.

## What is in the pack?

Each Solpadeine MAX tablet contains the active ingredients Paracetamol 500 mg and Codeine Phosphate Hemihydrate 12.8 mg.

The tablets also contain: soluble starch, polyvinylpyrrolidone, potassium sorbate (E202), maize starch, talc, magnesium stearate, stearic acid, microcrystalline cellulose, croscarmellose sodium, lactose monohydrate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, macrogol and colours quinoline yellow (E104), erythrosine (E127) and titanium dioxide (E171).

Solpadeine MAX comes in a carton containing 20 or 30 tablets.

## Who makes Solpadeine MAX?

The product licence holder is GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare, Brentford, TW8 9GS, U.K. and all enquiries should be sent to this address.

## Please see your doctor before you take Solpadeine MAX if:

- you have severe liver or kidney disease, including alcoholic liver disease.
- you are taking monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs) prescribed for depression.
- you are taking metoclopramide or domperidone - used to treat nausea and vomiting.
- you are taking colestyramine - used to treat high cholesterol.
- you are taking anti-coagulants (drugs to thin the blood e.g. warfarin) and you need to take a painkiller on a daily basis over a long period. However, you can take occasional doses of Solpadeine MAX.

The tablets contain lactose. If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicinal product.

If your headaches become persistent, see your doctor.

## If you are pregnant or breast feeding:

Please see your doctor before you take Solpadeine MAX if you are pregnant. You can take Solpadeine MAX whilst breast feeding.

## How to take Solpadeine MAX:

For oral use.

Adults, including the elderly and children 12 years and over:

Take 2 tablets every 4 hours as required. Do not take more frequently than every 4 hours. Do not take more than 8 tablets in 24 hours. Do not take for more than 3 days without consulting your doctor. Do not give to children under 12 years of age.

If symptoms persist consult your doctor.

The manufacturer is GlaxoSmithKline Dungarvan Ltd., Co. Waterford, Ireland or GlaxoSmithKline GmbH & Co. KG, Benzstraße 25, 71083, Herrenberg, Germany.

## What does Solpadeine MAX do?

Solpadeine MAX contains two analgesics (painkillers), paracetamol and codeine, which work by different body routes to relieve pain. In addition paracetamol is an antipyretic (helps to reduce body temperature when you have a fever).

## What is Solpadeine MAX used for?

Solpadeine MAX is suitable for headache, migraine, dental pain, period pain, sinus pain, sciatica, lumbago, strains, sprains, arthritic and rheumatic pain. Solpadeine MAX also relieves discomfort in colds, influenza, sore throats and helps reduce temperature.

## Check before you take these tablets

### IMPORTANT

- Do not take with any other paracetamol-containing products.
- If you need to use this medicine for more than 3 days at a time, see your doctor, pharmacist or healthcare professional.
- Taking codeine regularly for a long time can lead to addiction, which might cause you to feel restless and irritable when you stop the tablets.
- Taking a painkiller for headaches too often or for too long can make them worse.
- The tablets may make you feel dizzy or drowsy. If affected do not drive or operate machinery.

## Solpadeine MAX should not be taken if:

- you are sensitive to paracetamol, codeine or to any of the other ingredients listed above.

## What should you do if you take too many Solpadeine MAX tablets?

Immediate medical advice should be sought in the event of an overdose, even if you feel well, because of the risk of delayed, serious liver damage.

## Will Solpadeine MAX suit you?

Most people taking Solpadeine MAX find they cause them no problems. However, occasionally some people may get constipation, nausea, dizziness, drowsiness, or allergic reactions, such as skin rash. In all the years paracetamol has been used there have been very rare reports of blood disorders which may make you bleed more easily or make you more prone to infection; but these were not necessarily caused by paracetamol. These effects should go away once you stop taking the medicine.

If you are concerned about these effects, or if Solpadeine MAX affects you in any other way, stop taking them and talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

## Further Information

Do not use this medicine after the "Use by end of" date shown on the pack.

Keep all medicines out of the reach and sight of children.

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