

Malirid DS 15mg

MALIRID DS 15MG contains Primaquine which belongs to the group of medicines called Antimalarial drugs. It is used to treat malarial infections and to prevent its relapse. Malaria is a parasitic infection caused due to different species of a malarial parasites (such as plasmodium vivax and Plasmodium ovale). It occurs due to bites of mosquitoes infected with the malarial parasites. Symptoms of malarial infection may include fever, chills, sweating, headache, nausea, vomiting, body pain, general discomfort etc.

Before taking MALIRID DS 15MG inform your doctor if you have any liver, kidney, or heart disease. You must also inform your doctor if you have anemia, any infections or low WBC counts due to underlying autoimmune diseases (such as rheumatoid arthritis or lupus erythematosus) before taking MALIRID DS 15MG.

MALIRID DS 15MG should not be used in pregnant or breastfeeding women as it may cause serious harm to the growing fetus or the nursing infant. Both men and women receiving MALIRID DS 15MG must use a suitable contraceptive method to avoid pregnancy while undergoing therapy with MALIRID DS 15MG and for 2-3 months after discontinuation of therapy.

MALIRID DS 15MG may cause low red blood cell count and white blood cell count in your blood. To manage this, your doctor will periodically monitor your blood cell count and adjust the dose accordingly. Other common side effects of taking MALIRID DS 15MG are nausea, vomiting, stomach pain or heartburn. Consult your doctor if any of these side effects trouble you.

USES OF MALIRID DS 15MG

Treats and prevents malarial infection

MALIRID DS 15MG is an antiparasitic medicine. It controls the growth and multiplication of malarial parasites within the body. It interacts with the parasites and disrupts their energy sources (mitochondria), which leads to the death of the parasite. It also prevents the relapses of infection by killing the malarial parasites during their early stages within the liver before they get released into the blood stream.

Take MALIRID DS 15MG preferably after meals or as directed by your physician. Swallow the medicine with a glass of water. Do not crush or chew the medicine. Your doctor will decide the correct dose, duration and frequency of administration depending upon your age, body weight and severity of infection.

Do not stop taking MALIRID DS 15MG without consulting your doctor even if you feel better. Continue to take MALIRID DS 15MG for the stipulated duration mentioned by your doctor to achieve maximum benefits.

SIDE EFFECTS OF MALIRID DS 15MG

COMMON

nausea, vomiting
stomach pain or discomfort
dizziness
anemia (low RBC count)
heart burn
skin rash
low WBC count

RARE

Stop taking MALIRID DS 15MG and contact your doctor immediately if you experience any of the following side effects:

severe allergic reactions (such as skin rash, severe itching of the skin with raised lumps, blisters in the skin, swelling of the face, lips, tongue and/or throat with difficulty in breathing or swallowing)

signs of hemolytic anemia (such as darkening of the urine, pale skin, dizziness, confusion, fatigue, light-headedness, shortness of breath)

bluish lips or nails

HOW TO MANAGE SIDE EFFECTS

Nausea or vomiting:

Take MALIRID DS 15MG with, or just after meals. Stick to simple meals. Avoid eating rich or spicy food. Consult your doctor if the symptoms worsen or persist.

Stomach pain:

Try to rest and relax. Eat and drink slowly or try to have smaller and more frequent meals. Consult your doctor immediately if the symptoms worsen or persist.

Dizziness:

Try to rest and relax. Get enough sleep. Avoid driving or operating any tools or machines completely if you feel dizzy. Do not consume excessive alcohol, as it could aggravate your dizziness. Consult your doctor if your dizziness worsens.

Skin rash:

Avoid hot showers because hot water can irritate your skin further. Do not scratch the affected area. Use protective clothing when going outdoors. Regularly moisturize your skin. Consult your doctor if the symptom worsens.

WARNING & PRECAUTIONS

PREGNANCY

It is not recommended for use if you are pregnant women. Therefore, inform your doctor if you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant before taking MALIRID DS 15MG. Women of childbearing potential must use a suitable contraceptive method to prevent pregnant while undergoing therapy with MALIRID DS 15MG and 2 months after discontinuation of the therapy.

BREASTFEEDING

It is not recommended for use if you are breastfeeding women. Therefore, consult your doctor before taking it.

DRIVING AND USING MACHINES

Do not drive or operate any heavy tools or machines if you feel dizzy after taking MALIRID DS 15MG.

ALCOHOL

Avoid consumption of alcohol while undergoing therapy with MALIRID DS 15MG.

KIDNEY

MALIRID DS 15MG should be used with caution in patients with kidney disease. Therefore, consult your doctor for advice before taking it.

LIVER

MALIRID DS 15MG should be used with caution in patients with liver disease. Therefore, consult your doctor for advice before taking it.

ALLERGY

Do not take MALIRID DS 15MG if you are allergic to Primaquine.

HEART DISEASE

MALIRID DS 15MG should be used with caution in patients who have or previously had any heart disease (such as irregular heart rate). Therefore, consult your doctor for advice before taking it.

OTHERS

MALIRID DS 15MG is not recommended for use if you:

have severe glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase (G6PD) deficiency
are severely ill or have granulocytopenia (low WBC count) due to rheumatoid arthritis or lupus erythematosus

received another antimalarial drug called quinacrine recently

have bone marrow disorder

Before taking MALIRID DS 15MG inform your physician if you:

have a family history of G6PD deficiency

have a rare blood disorder called NADH methemoglobin reductase deficiency

have anemia (low RBC in blood)

have hemolytic anemia (destruction of RBC in blood)

have low potassium or magnesium levels in the blood

Use in pediatrics:

MALIRID DS 15MG should be used in children and adolescents (aged below 18 years) only if prescribed by the physician. It should not be used in young children weighing less than 20 kg. Therefore, consult your doctor before administration.

Use in geriatrics:

The safety and effectiveness of MALIRID DS 15MG have not been established in the elderly patients (aged 65 years or above). Therefore, MALIRID DS 15MG should be used in elderly patients only if considered necessary by the physician. Your doctor will prescribe you a suitable dose after analyzing your heart, kidney, and liver functions.

INTERACTIONS

A. Drug-Drug interactions:

Before taking MALIRID DS 15MG inform your doctor if you are taking any of the following medicines:

other medicines used to treat malaria (such as mepacrine, quinacrine, halofantrine, chloroquine or pyronaridine artesunate, dihydroartemisinin-piperaquine)

pentamidine- used to treat fungal infection

medicines used to treat arrhythmia (such as quinidine, amiodarone, procainamide, disopyramide)

medicines used to treat depression (such as fluoxetine, paroxetine amitriptyline or imipramine)

medicines used to treat psychiatric disorders (such as chlorpromazine, trihexyphenidyl)

medicines used to treat bacterial infections (such as erythromycin, moxifloxacin)

medicines that can depress the functions of bone marrow or damage the RBC or WBC in blood such as anticancer agents (Ex. carboplatin, busulfan, bendamustine), anti-infectives (sulfonamides, dapsone, cotrimoxazole, quinolones), colchicine, methylene blue, penicillamine, gold salts

digoxin (a medicine used to treat abnormal heart rate)

dabigatran (a medicine used to prevent blood clots)

theophylline (a medicine used to treat breathing problems)

alosetron (a medicine used to treat vomiting)

tizanidine (a medicines used to treat muscle spasm)

B. Drug - Food interaction:

Avoid drinking grapefruit juice while taking this medicine as it may increase the risk of side effects.

Overdosage:

If you or anyone else accidentally took more MALIRID DS 15MG, contact your doctor immediately or visit a nearby hospital. Symptoms of overdosage might include vomiting, stomach pain or cramps, heart burn, heart rhythm problems tiredness, yellowing of the skin and the whites of the eyes, dizziness, confusion, difficulty in breathing, trouble in sleeping, bluish discoloration of the skin or pale skin.

SYNOPSIS

Drug : Primaquine
Pharmacological Category : 8-Aminoquinoline antiprotozoal agents
Therapeutic Indication : Malaria
Dosage Forms : Tablet

MORE INFORMATION

Keep out of reach of children
Store between 15-30°C



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