

Package leaflet: Information for the patient

Otrivine

Adult 0.1% w/v Nasal Drops Xylometazoline hydrochloride

Read all of this leaflet carefully because it contains important information for you.

This medicine is available without a prescription. However, you still need to use Otrivine Adult Nasal Drops carefully to get the best results from it.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice.
- You must contact a doctor if the symptoms worsen or do not improve after 7 days.
- If any of the side effects get serious, or if you notice any side effect not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

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1. WHAT OTRIVINE ADULT NASAL DROPS ARE AND WHAT THEY ARE USED FOR

Otrivine Adult Nasal Drops are for application in the nose to give relief from:

- nasal congestion (blocked nose, including colds);
- perennial and allergic rhinitis (recurring inflammation of the nasal mucous membranes, including hay fever);
- sinusitis.

Otrivine Adult Nasal Drops contain the active ingredient xylometazoline hydrochloride which helps to open up and clear the nasal passages by reducing the excessive nasal secretions and returning the swollen blood vessels to their normal size.

2. WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU USE OTRIVINE ADULT NASAL DROPS

DO NOT use the drops if you:

- Are allergic to xylometazoline hydrochloride or any of the other ingredients in the drops (see Section 6). Symptoms include: rash, swelling of the face and throat, difficulty breathing.
- are taking, or have taken in the last two weeks, drugs for depression known as Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors (MAOIs).

- have an overactive thyroid gland (hyperthyroidism)
- have acute heart disease
- have undergone recent trans-nasal surgery (brain surgery where the operation was carried out through the nose or mouth)
- have narrow angle glaucoma (increased pressure in eyes)
- have chronic nasal inflammation with very dry nasal passages (rhinitis sicca or atrophic rhinitis).

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if any of the above apply.

Take special care with Otrivine Adult Nasal Drops

Before using the drops tell your doctor or pharmacist if you

- have high blood pressure
- suffer from a heart disease (e.g. long QT syndrome)
- suffer from diabetes mellitus
- have an enlarged prostate gland (prostatic hypertrophy)
- are taking medicines for depression called tri or tetra-cyclic antidepressants (see Other medicines and Otrivine Adult Nasal Drops)
- have a benign tumour of the adrenal gland that produces high amounts of adrenaline and noradrenaline (phaeochromocytoma).

Like other products for the relief of blocked nose, this product can give rise to sleep disturbances, dizziness and tremor in very sensitive individuals. Consult your doctor if these symptoms have proven troublesome to you.

Keep away from the eyes and mouth.

Do not use these drops for children under 12 years old.

Do not take decongestants for more than 7 days in a row. Prolonged or excessive use may cause the stuffiness in the nose to return or worsen.

Other medicines and Otrivine Adult Nasal Drops

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist before using this product if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines.

Do not take Otrivine Adult Nasal Drops with monoamine oxidase inhibitors (e.g. tranylcypromine, phenelzine and isocarboxazid) as this may result in a dangerously high increase in blood pressure (See Section 2 'Do not use...').

Taking Otrivine Adult Nasal Drops with some medicines may cause an increase in blood pressure and is not recommended. These include:

- Blood pressure tablets (e.g. beta blockers such as propranolol, metoprolol)
- Tricyclic and tetracyclic anti-depressants (e.g. amitriptyline, clomipramine, amoxapine, loxapine).

Pregnancy or breast-feeding

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, consult your doctor before using Otrivine.

Driving and using machines

Otrivine has very little or no effect on your ability to drive or use machines.

If you have blurred vision then do not drive or operate machines.

Important information about some of the ingredients of Otrivine Adult Nasal Drops

Otrivine Adult Nasal Drops contains benzalkonium chloride which may cause nasal irritation, difficulty in breathing or wheezing.

3. HOW TO USE OTRIVINE ADULT NASAL DROPS

Dosage:

For Adults and Children over 12 years of age:

2 to 4 drops in each nostril up to three times daily, as needed. Do not exceed three applications daily into each nostril. The last dose can be applied before going to bed.



Administration:

1. Blow your nose gently.
2. Before using, practice using the dropper to develop good dosage control.
3. Tilt your head back as far as is comfortable or, if lying on a bed, hang the head over the side.
4. Without touching your nose with the dropper, apply the drops into each nostril and keep the head tilted back for a short time to allow the drops to spread throughout the nose.
5. If the drop completely misses your nose, administer the drop again.
6. If any part of the drop gets into your nose, do not administer the drop again.
7. Repeat with the other nostril.
8. Clean and dry the dropper before replacing it back into the bottle right after use.

To avoid possible spread of infection, this pack should only be used by one person. For reasons of hygiene do not use this bottle for more than 28 days after opening it.

Do not exceed the recommended dosage especially in children and the elderly.

If you use more Otrivine Adult Nasal Drops than you should or accidentally swallow it, consult your doctor or pharmacist immediately.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines, Otrivine Adult Nasal Drops can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Local discomfort may be felt after applying the drops if you have sensitive nasal passages.

STOP using Otrivine and seek medical help immediately if you have any of the following.

- Difficulty breathing or swallowing.
- Swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat.
- Severe itching of the skin, with red rash or raised bumps.

Common side effects (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)

Dryness or irritation of the nasal mucosa, nausea, headache or local burning sensation.

Uncommon side effects (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)

Nosebleeds

Very rare side effects (may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people)

Allergic reaction (skin rash, itching), temporary or passing blurred vision, irregular or fast heartbeat. Cardiovascular effects, for example, palpitations may also occur especially if you have heart problems.

If any of the side effects get serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

You can also report side effects directly via HPRA Pharmacovigilance, www.hpra.ie.

By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. HOW TO STORE OTRIVINE ADULT NASAL DROPS

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use after the expiry date which is stated on the bottle after “Expiry”. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not store above 25°C.

Do not use this bottle for more than 28 days after opening it. Keep bottle in outer carton.

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

6. CONTENTS OF THE PACK AND OTHER INFORMATION

What Otrivine Adult Nasal Drops contain

The active ingredient is xylometazoline hydrochloride (0.1% w/v, 1mg/ml).

The other ingredients are Benzalkonium chloride, Disodium phosphate dodecahydrate (Sodium phosphate), Disodium edetate, Sodium dihydrogen phosphate dihydrate (Sodium acid phosphate), Sodium chloride, Sorbitol liquid non-crystallising (E420), Hypromellose, Purified water.

What Otrivine Adult Nasal Drops look like and the contents of the pack

Clear aqueous solution in a 10 ml bottle.

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