

## PACKAGE LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER

### LEMSIP MAX COLD & FLU Hot Lemon 1000mg Powder for Oral Solution Paracetamol

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.

This medicine is available without prescription. However, you still need to take Lemsip Max Cold & Flu Hot Lemon carefully to get the best results from it.

#### 1. WHAT LEMSIP MAX COLD & FLU HOT LEMON IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR

Each sachet of Lemsip Max Cold & Flu Hot Lemon 1000mg Powder for Oral Solution contains 1000mg paracetamol. Paracetamol has pain killing (analgesic) and fever reducing (antipyretic) properties.

Lemsip Max Cold & Flu Hot Lemon can be used to relieve the symptoms of common cold or influenza such as headache, sore throat, fever, body aches and pains.

#### 2. WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU TAKE LEMSIP MAX COLD & FLU HOT LEMON

##### Do not take Lemsip Max Cold & Flu Hot Lemon

- if you are allergic (hypersensitive) to paracetamol or any of the other ingredients listed in section 6
- if you are taking any other paracetamol containing products
- if you are less than 12 years of age

##### Take special care with Lemsip Max Cold & Flu Hot Lemon

- if you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this product
- if you are on a controlled sodium diet, this product contains 129mg sodium per dose
- if you have phenylketonuria, this product contains a source of phenylalanine
- if you have impaired liver or kidney function
- if you are taking other drugs that affect the liver

Prolonged use, except under medical supervision can be harmful. If symptoms persist contact your doctor or pharmacist. Only take when necessary. Do not exceed the stated dose.

##### Taking other medicines

Care should be taken while taking this product if you are currently taking:

- Antiemetics drugs such as metoclopramide or domperidone: may increase absorption of paracetamol
- Cholesterol drugs such as cholestyramine: may reduce absorption of paracetamol
- Anticoagulants such as warfarin: their effect may be enhanced by long term use of paracetamol
- Drugs that effect the liver such as monoamine oxidase inhibitors and antidepressants: may increase the hepatotoxicity (liver toxicity) of paracetamol

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription.

##### Taking Lemsip Max Cold & Flu Hot Lemon with food, drink and alcohol

Alcohol may increase the adverse effects of paracetamol.

##### Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility

Lemsip Max Cold & Flu Hot Lemon can be used during pregnancy. You should use the lowest possible dose that reduces your pain and/or fever and use it for the shortest time possible. Contact your doctor or midwife if the pain and/or fever are not reduced or if you need to take the medicine more often. As with all medicines caution should be taken during pregnancy and breast-feeding. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

##### Important information about some of the ingredients of Lemsip Max Cold & Flu Hot Lemon

- This product contains 2.2g of sucrose per dose. This should be taken into account in patients with diabetes mellitus.
- This product contains 129mg sodium per dose. This should be taken into consideration by patients on a controlled sodium diet.
- This product contains a source of phenylalanine. This may be harmful for people with phenylketonuria.

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## 3. HOW TO TAKE LEMSIP MAX COLD & FLU HOT LEMON

For oral administration. Dilute the contents of one sachet in a mug of hot water, do not boil the water.

Stir until dissolved. If preferred, sweeten to taste with sugar, honey or usual sweetener.

Adults & Children over 12 years: Usual dose is one sachet. This may be repeated every 4 hours if needed, with a maximum of four doses in 24 hours.

Paediatric Population Not to be given to children under 12 years of age.

Hepatic Impairment: Patients with hepatic impairment should seek the advice of a doctor before taking this product

Renal Impairment: Patients with renal impairment should seek the advice of a doctor before taking this product.

Elderly Population: No dosage adjustment is considered necessary in the elderly.

##### If you take more Lemsip Max Cold & Flu Hot Lemon than you should

Immediate medical advice should be sought in the event of overdosage because of the risk of irreversible liver damage. Symptoms of overdosage may present as pallor, nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite and abdominal pain.

##### If you forget to take Lemsip Max Cold & Flu Hot Lemon

Take the next dose as soon as you remember, if needed. Do not double the dose. This product should only be taken when necessary. If you have any further questions on the use of this product, ask your pharmacist.

#### 4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines, Lemsip Max Cold & Flu Hot Lemon can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. Side effects may include hypersensitivity reactions such as skin rashes. If skin rash occurs discontinue use immediately. There have also been reports of blood disorders, but these were not necessarily caused by paracetamol.

##### 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 HPRAC Pharmacovigilance, Earlsfort Terrace, IRL - Dublin 2; Tel: +353 1 6764971; Fax: +353 1 6762517. Website: www.hpra.ie; e-mail: medsafety@hpra.ie. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

#### 5. HOW TO STORE LEMSIP MAX COLD & FLU HOT LEMON

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use Lemsip Max Cold & Flu Hot Lemon after the expiry date (EXP Day/Month/Year) which is stated on the carton and sachet. Do not store above 25°C. 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 Lemsip Max Cold & Flu Hot Lemon contains

Each sachet contains 1000mg of paracetamol as the active ingredient. The other ingredients are sucrose, citric acid, lemon flavour no.1, saccharin sodium, aspartame (E951), sodium citrate, ascorbic acid and curcumin.

##### What Lemsip Max Cold & Flu Hot Lemon looks like and contents of the pack

Pale cream coloured homogenous powder for oral solution with a taste and odour of lemon. Each carton contains 5 or 10 sachets, each containing 4.8g of product.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

##### Marketing Authorisation Holder and Manufacturers

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