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PHENYLEPHRINE HCl CHLORPHENAMINE MALEATE PARACETAMOL

BIOFLU®

10 mg / 2 mg / 500 mg Film-Coated Tablet
Nasal Decongestant / Antihistamine / Analgesic / Antipyretic

FORMULATION
Each tablet contains:

Phenylephrine HCl	10 mg
Chlorphenamine maleate	2 mg
Paracetamol	500 mg

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
Phenylephrine HCl + Chlorphenamine Maleate + Paracetamol (Bioflu) Tablet is a blue, coated, capsule-shaped tablet, with "BIOFLU" name on both sides.

WHAT IS IN THE MEDICINE?
This medicine contains phenylephrine HCl, chlorphenamine maleate, and paracetamol.
Phenylephrine HCl, a nasal decongestant, reduces swelling and obstruction of nasal passageways including sinuses to improve flow of air and make breathing easier. It also reduces postnasal drip.
Chlorphenamine maleate, an anti-allergy, relieves symptoms such as runny nose, sneezing, and itchy, watery eyes.
Paracetamol is an effective fever reducer and pain reliever.
Phenylephrine HCl + chlorphenamine maleate + paracetamol, in an *in vitro* study (outside the living organism), was shown to maintain respiratory cell viability (ability to retain healthy cells) during viral infection which may aid in the recovery from viral infection/illness.
Phenylephrine HCl + chlorphenamine maleate + paracetamol is expected to start taking effect in as fast as 15 minutes.

STRENGTH OF THE MEDICINE. See Formulation

WHAT IS THIS MEDICINE USED FOR?
This medicine is used for the relief of clogged nose, runny nose, cough from postnasal drip, itchy and watery eyes, sneezing, headache, sore throat, body aches, and fever associated with the common cold, allergic rhinitis, sinusitis, flu, and other minor respiratory tract infections. It also helps decongest sinus openings and passages and protects respiratory cells against common cold and flu viruses.

HOW MUCH AND HOW OFTEN SHOULD YOU USE THIS MEDICINE?
Adults and Children 12 years and older: Orally, 1 tablet every 6 hours, or as recommended by a doctor.

WHEN SHOULD YOU NOT TAKE THIS MEDICINE?
• If you are allergic to any ingredient of the product
• If you have high blood pressure or severe heart disease unless recommended by a doctor
• If you have anemia, kidney or liver disease unless recommended by a doctor
• If you are pregnant or breastfeeding

UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS
Phenylephrine HCl
Psychiatric disorders: Anxiety, insomnia/sleeplessness, nervousness
Nervous system disorders: Dizziness, restlessness, tremor (muscle shaking)
Cardiac disorders: Arrhythmia (irregular heart beat), palpitation
Vascular disorders: Increased blood pressure, pallor
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders: Respiratory distress (noisy, congested breathing)
General disorders and administration site conditions: Weakness

Chlorphenamine maleate
Chlorphenamine maleate may cause sleepiness and drowsiness.
Psychiatric disorders: Insomnia/sleeplessness, nervousness
Nervous system disorders: Facial dyskinesia (involuntary repetitive movements of the mouth and face), faintness, headache, paresthesia (sensation of tingling, pricking or numbness of the skin), tremor (muscle shaking)
Eye disorders: Blurred vision, diplopia (double vision), visual disturbance
Ear and labyrinth disorders: Acute labyrinthitis (inflammation of the labyrinth), tinnitus (ringing in the ears), vertigo
Cardiac disorders: Chest tightness
Vascular disorders: Increased or decreased blood pressure
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders: Thickening of bronchial secretions, nasal stuffiness, wheezing (high-pitched whistling sound during breathing)
Gastrointestinal disorders: Constipation, diarrhea, gastrointestinal discomfort, nausea, vomiting
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders: Muscle weakness
Renal and urinary disorders: Difficulty urinating
Reproductive system and breast disorders: Early menses, impotence
General disorders and administration site conditions: Chills, dryness of the mouth, nose, and throat; irritability, sweating
Paracetamol
Paracetamol, when taken within the recommended dose and duration of treatment, has low incidence of side effects.
Blood and lymphatic system disorders: Changes in the number of white blood cells and platelets such as agranulocytosis (decrease in the number of granulocytes), leukopenia (decrease in the number of leukocytes), neutropenia (decrease in the number of neutrophils), pancytopenia (deficiency of all cellular elements in the blood), thrombocytopenia (decrease in the number of platelets)
Immune system disorders: Allergic reactions which may cause difficulty in breathing, skin rash, angioedema (swelling of the face or throat)
Gastrointestinal disorders: Minor stomach and intestinal disturbances
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders: Rare cases of serious skin reactions (i.e., Stevens-Johnson syndrome, toxic epidermal necrolysis and acute generalized exanthematous pustulosis) which may include symptoms such as reddening of the skin, rash, blisters and detachment of the upper surface of the skin have been reported with paracetamol.

WHAT OTHER MEDICINE OR FOOD SHOULD BE AVOIDED WHILE TAKING THIS MEDICINE?
Do not use this product together with sympathomimetic agents (e.g., epinephrine) and general anesthetics (e.g., halothane) because of the possibility for increased toxicity.
Concurrent administration with medicines for depression such as monoamine oxidase (MAO) inhibitors (e.g., selegiline, moclobemide) and tricyclic antidepressants (e.g., amitriptyline, imipramine) may result in hypertensive crisis (sudden, severe increase in blood pressure that can lead to stroke).
Taking an alpha-adrenergic blocking agent (e.g., phenothiazine drugs, phentolamine) before the administration of this product may decrease the effect of phenylephrine. Concomitant use with beta-adrenergic blocking agents (e.g., propranolol) and methyldopa may cause an increase in blood pressure.
Medicines that cause sedation such as anxiolytics (e.g., alprazolam, diazepam) and hypnotics (e.g., zolpidem) may potentiate drowsiness.

Paracetamol, when used together with warfarin (a blood-thinning medicine), may cause an increase in the International Normalized Ratio (INR), which may serve as a sign of increased risk for bleeding. Paracetamol increases the anticoagulation effect of warfarin.
Medicines which stimulate the enzymes responsible for the metabolic activation of paracetamol such as medicines for convulsion (e.g., phenobarbital, phenytoin) may increase susceptibility to the harmful effects to the liver.
The absorption of paracetamol may be accelerated by metoclopramide or domperidone and reduced by cholestyramine.
Tell your doctor about other medicines you are taking (i.e., other medicines for cough, cold, allergy, pain, or fever, especially other paracetamol-containing products).

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU MISS A DOSE?
If you miss a dose, just take the next dose if still needed for the condition being treated, and the subsequent doses at the recommended time or schedule (i.e., every 6 hours).
Do not double the dose.

HOW SHOULD YOU KEEP THIS MEDICINE?
Store at temperatures not exceeding 30°C.
Keep the product out of reach and sight of children.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF OVERDOSAGE
Phenylephrine HCl
• Increased blood pressure
• Headache
• Seizures
• Palpitation
• Paresthesia (sensation of tingling, pricking or numbness of the skin)
• Vomiting
• Cerebral hemorrhage (bleeding from a ruptured blood vessel in the brain)
Chlorphenamine maleate
• Extreme sleepiness or prolonged drowsiness
• Weakness
• Hallucination
• Convulsion
• Agitation
• Irritability
• Tachycardia
• Coma
Paracetamol
Overdosage of paracetamol usually involves 4 phases with the following signs and symptoms:
I. Eating disorder, nausea, vomiting, malaise, and excessive sweating
II. Right upper abdominal pain or tenderness, liver enlargement which may be characterized by abdominal discomfort of "feeling full", elevated bilirubin and liver enzyme concentrations, prolongation of prothrombin time, and occasionally decreased urine output
III. Eating disorder, nausea, vomiting, and malaise recur and signs of liver failure (e.g., jaundice) and possibly kidney failure and cardiomyopathy (disorder of the heart muscle) may develop
IV. Recovery or progression to fatal complete liver failure

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU HAVE TAKEN MORE THAN THE RECOMMENDED DOSAGE?
If you have taken more than the recommended dosage, consult a doctor or contact a poison control center right away, even if you seem well, because of the risk of delayed, serious liver damage. Quick medical attention is important for adults as well as for children even if you do not notice any signs or symptoms.

CARE THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN TAKING THIS MEDICINE
Liver Warning: This product contains paracetamol. Severe liver damage may occur if you take:
o More than 4 g of paracetamol in 24 hours, which is the maximum daily amount;
o With other medicines containing paracetamol (or acetaminophen);
o 3 or more alcoholic drinks everyday while using this product.

Allergy Alert: Paracetamol may cause severe skin reactions. Symptoms may include:
o Skin reddening
o Blisters
o Rash
• If a skin reaction occurs, stop use and seek medical help right away.
• Do not use with any other medicine containing phenylephrine, chlorphenamine or paracetamol (prescription or nonprescription). If you are not sure whether a medicine contains these three active ingredients, ask a doctor.
• Ask a doctor before use if you have liver or kidney disease.
• Ask a doctor before use if you are taking warfarin, a blood thinning medicine.
• May cause drowsiness; patients should observe caution while driving or performing other tasks requiring alertness.
• Do not take more than the recommended dose.
• Do not use after the expiry date on the label.

WHEN SHOULD YOU CONSULT YOUR DOCTOR?
• Before taking this medication, tell your doctor if you have:
o High blood pressure or any type of heart problems
o Glaucoma
o Thyroid problems
o Diabetes
o Liver or kidney disease
o An enlarged prostate, bladder problems or difficulty urinating
• Stop use and ask a doctor if:
o Fever gets worse or lasts more than 3 days
o New symptoms occur

For suspected adverse drug reaction, seek medical attention immediately and report to the FDA at www.fda.gov.ph AND Unilab at +632-8-**UNILAB**-1 (+632-8-**864522**-1) for Metro Manila or toll-free +1-800-10-UNILAB-1 for provinces, or e-mail productsafety@unilab.com.ph. By reporting undesirable effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

AVAILABILITY: Box of 100 tablets (in Alu/Clear PVC blister pack x 10's) and envelope by 5's (in Alu/Clear PVC blister pack x 10's)
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