



Information for the user

Max Strength Sinus Pressure & Pain Relief Capsules (Caffeine, Paracetamol, Phenylephrine Hydrochloride)

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

This medicine is available without prescription, however, you still need to use this product carefully to get the best results from it.

- Keep this leaflet as you may need to read it again
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet
- You must talk to a doctor if you do not feel better or if you feel worse after 3 days.

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1. What is Boots Max Strength Sinus Pressure & Pain Relief Capsules and what it is used for This medicine contains:

- **paracetamol** which is a pain reliever (analgesic) and helps reduce your temperature when you have a fever
- **phenylephrine** which is a decongestant to reduce swelling in the passages of the nose to help you breathe more easily
- **caffeine** which helps to increase the pain relief from paracetamol and makes you more alert.

These capsules are used for the relief of the symptoms of pain and congestion of sinusitis, including aches and pains, headache, nasal congestion (blocked nose) and feverishness (high temperature).

2. What you need to know before you take Boots Max Strength Sinus Pressure & Pain Relief Capsules

Do not take this medicine if you:

- are **allergic** to paracetamol, caffeine, phenylephrine or any of the other ingredients listed in section 6
- are below 16 years of age
- have a serious heart condition or cardiovascular disorder(s)
- have high blood pressure (hypertension)
- have a history of stomach ulcers
- have an overactive thyroid
- have an enlarged prostate

- are taking antidepressant drugs called monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOI's), or have taken them within the last 14 days – these are medicines such as phenelzine and isocarboxazid
- are taking tricyclic antidepressants, such as imipramine, amitriptyline.

Please see your doctor or pharmacist before taking this medicine if you:

- are pregnant or breast-feeding
- suffer from kidney or liver problems, including alcoholic liver disease, or have alcohol dependence
- have diabetes
- have circulatory disorders such as a condition called Raynaud's Phenomenon, which results from poor circulation in the fingers and toes.

During treatment with Boots Max Strength Sinus Pressure & Pain Relief Capsules, tell your doctor straight away if:

- you have severe illnesses, including severe renal impairment or sepsis (when bacteria and their toxins circulate in the blood leading to organ damage), or you suffer from malnutrition, chronic alcoholism or if you are also taking flucloxacillin (an antibiotic). A serious condition called metabolic acidosis (a blood and fluid abnormality) has been reported in patients in these situations when paracetamol is used at regular doses for a prolonged period or when paracetamol is taken together with flucloxacillin. Symptoms of metabolic acidosis may include: serious breathing difficulties with deep rapid breathing, drowsiness, feeling sick (nausea) and being sick (vomiting).

Other medicines and Boots Max Strength Sinus Pressure & Pain Relief Capsules

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines

- medicines to treat high cholesterol levels which reduce the amount of fat in the blood such as colestyramine
- medicines to control feeling sick or being sick such as metoclopramide or domperidone
- medicines called anti-coagulants, which are used to thin the blood such as warfarin or other coumarins - you may take occasional doses of paracetamol but should consult your doctor if you need to take it on a regular basis
- barbiturates (for epilepsy or to help you sleep), such as phenobarbitone
- medicines to treat migraines such as ergotamine or methysergide
- medicines to lower blood pressure, treat heart or circulatory problems such as beta blockers (e.g. atenolol) or vasodilators (e.g. hydralazine)

- other decongestant drugs such as ephedrine or xylometazoline
- flucloxacillin (antibiotic), due to a serious risk of blood and fluid abnormality (called metabolic acidosis) that must have urgent treatment (see section 2).

Boots Max Strength Sinus Pressure & Pain Relief Capsules contain paracetamol.

Do not take anything else containing paracetamol while taking this medicine.

Boots Max Strength Sinus Pressure & Pain Relief Capsules with food, drink and alcohol

Do not drink alcohol (beer, wine, spirits etc) while taking this product.

Information about some of the ingredients in this medicine:

This medicine contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per 2 capsules, that is to say essentially 'sodium-free'.

3. How to take Boots Max Strength Sinus Pressure & Pain Relief Capsules

Swallow the capsules whole with water.

Do not chew.

Adults, the elderly and children aged 16 years and over:

Two capsules every 4 to 6 hours, as required.

Do not take more than 8 capsules (4 doses) in any 24 hour period.

Do not give to children under 16 years.

Do not take for more than 3 days unless advised by your doctor.

Do not take more medicine than the label tells you to.

If you do not get better, talk to your doctor.

Taking this medicine with food and drink:

You should avoid too much caffeine in drinks like coffee and tea. If you are also consuming other medicines or food that contains caffeine (coffee, tea, cola drinks, chocolate) you may have a high caffeine intake and might have difficulty sleeping, start shaking and/or have an uncomfortable feeling in the chest.

Talk to a doctor at once if you take too much of this medicine even if you feel well. This is because too much paracetamol can cause delayed, serious liver damage. Go to your nearest hospital casualty department.

Take your medicine and this leaflet with you.

4. Possible side effects

Most people do not have any side effects while taking this medicine. However, if you experience any of the following side effects, or anything else unusual happens, stop taking the medicine immediately, and see your doctor or pharmacist.

Frequency not known: (frequency cannot be estimated from the available data)

- bronchospasm
- restlessness, anxiety, nervousness, irritability, agitation
- a serious condition that can make blood more acidic (called metabolic acidosis), in patients with severe illness using paracetamol (see section 2).

Rare side effects are:

- allergic reactions such as skin rash
- nausea (feeling sick) or vomiting (being sick) or diarrhoea
- headache, tremor, dizziness
- difficulty sleeping (insomnia)
- fast, slow or irregular heart beat (palpitations)
- high blood pressure
- glaucoma
- problems or pain passing urine
- sudden weight loss, loss of appetite and yellowing of the eyes and skin.

More rarely, the following side effects can happen:

- you may become more prone to bleeding, bruising, fever and infections, such as sore throat and ulcers, due to changes in your blood.

Very rare cases of serious skin reactions have been reported.

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 the Yellow Card Scheme at: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store.

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

5. How to store Boots Max Strength Sinus Pressure & Pain Relief Capsules

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date printed on the pack.

Do not store above 25°C.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

Each red/blue capsule contains the active ingredients: paracetamol 500 mg, caffeine 25 mg and phenylephrine hydrochloride 6.1 mg.

The other ingredients are: maize starch, croscarmellose sodium, sodium laurilsulfate, magnesium stearate and talc. The capsule shell contains gelatin and contains the colours: indigo carmine (E132), patent blue V (E131), quinoline yellow (E104), erythrosine (E127) and titanium dioxide (E171).

The product is available in a pack size of 16 capsules.

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