



# Calpol®

## Sugar Free Infant Suspension

Contains 120 mg Paracetamol per 5 ml

- This medicine brings down high temperatures (also called fever) and relieves pain.
- The medicine is OK for most babies over 2 months and children up to 6 years.
- **Do not give it to children on this list:**
  - Not to babies or children taking some other medicines. *See section 2* ▶
  - Not to anyone who is allergic to the ingredients. *See section 6* ▶
- **Follow the dosage instructions carefully.** Children of different ages need different amounts. These are shown in the tables. *See section 3* ▶
- **Speak to your doctor** if anything in this list applies:
  - If a child is not getting better, or needs more medicine than shown in the table. *See section 3* ▶
  - If a child gets a rash, breathing problems, diarrhoea or gets very tired. *See section 3* ▶

**Now read this whole leaflet carefully before you use this medicine.** Keep the leaflet: you might need it again.

## 1 What the medicine is for

The paracetamol in Calpol Sugar Free Infant Suspension is used to relieve pain and / or bring down fever (high temperature) in many conditions including post-immunisation fever, teething, headache, cold and flu, toothache, earache, sore throat and other aches and pains.

## 2 Before giving the medicine to your child

This medicine is suitable for most people but a few people should not use it. If you are in any doubt, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

### X Do not give your child this medicine...

- If s/he has ever had a bad reaction to any of the ingredients.
- If s/he is taking anything else with paracetamol in it.
- If s/he is between 2-3 months old and is taking this medicine for other causes of pain and fever and:
  - Weighs less than 4 kg
  - or
  - Was born before 37 weeks

If any of these applies, **get advice from a pharmacist or doctor without using Calpol.**

### ! Talk to your doctor or pharmacist...

- If your child has serious kidney or liver problems.
- If your child has an inherited intolerance to fructose or been diagnosed with an intolerance to some other sugars.
- If your child is taking any other medicines including:
  - *metoclopramide* or *domperidone* (used to treat nausea and vomiting)
  - *colestyramine* (used to treat high cholesterol)
  - *anticoagulants* (drugs that thin the blood, such as warfarin)
  - *anticonvulsants* (drugs to treat epilepsy)

If you are not sure about the medicine your child is taking, show the bottle or pack to your pharmacist.

If any of these bullet points apply, **talk to a doctor or pharmacist.**

## ! Adults take this medicine

The following additional warnings are included in case an adult takes this product.

- You can use this medicine while you are taking oral contraceptives ('the pill'), but it may not work so well on your pain or fever.
- If you drink large amounts of alcohol, you may be more open to the side effects of paracetamol.
- Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine if you might be pregnant or breast-feeding.

### ! Some of the ingredients can cause problems

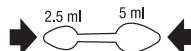
- Methyl (E218), propyl (E216) and ethyl (E214) parahydroxybenzoate may cause allergic reactions which could possibly be delayed.
- The sorbitol (E420) and maltitol content of this product means that this product is unsuitable for people with inherited intolerance to fructose.
- Maltitol may have a mild laxative effect. It has a calorific value of 2.3kcal/g.
- Carmoisine (E122) may cause allergic reactions.

## 3 How to use this medicine

**Check the tables to see how much medicine to use.**

- For oral use only.
- It is important to **shake the bottle for at least 10 seconds before use.**
- Never give more medicine than shown in the tables.
- Do not overfill the spoon.
- Always use the spoon supplied with the pack.
- Do not give this medicine with any other paracetamol-containing product.

There is a double-ended spoon in the pack.



### i Babies under 2 months

Do not give to babies under 2 months old. Consult your doctor.

# 3 How to use this medicine *(continued)*

## **i** Babies 2 - 3 months

Child's age - 2-3 months	How much
<b>1. Post-vaccination fever</b>	2.5 ml (small end of spoon).
<b>2. Other causes of pain and fever</b> - if your baby weighs over 4 kg and was born after 37 weeks	If necessary, after 4-6 hours, give a second 2.5 ml dose

- Do not give to babies less than 2 months of age.
- Do not give more than 2 doses.
- Leave at least 4 hours between doses.
- If further doses are needed, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

## **i** Children from 3 months to 6 years

Child's age	How much - up to 4 times a day
<b>3-6 months</b>	<b>One 2.5 ml spoonful</b> (small end)
<b>6-24 months</b>	<b>One 5 ml spoonful</b> (large end)
<b>2-4 years</b>	<b>One 5 ml spoonful</b> (large end) and <b>one 2.5 ml spoonful</b> (small end)
<b>4-6 years</b>	<b>Two 5 ml spoonfuls</b> (large end)

- Do not give more than 4 doses in any 24 hour period.
- Leave at least 4 hours between doses.
- Do not give this medicine to your child for more than 3 days without speaking to your doctor or pharmacist.

## **i** Children over 6 years

Ask a pharmacist to recommend a suitable product.

## **!** Speak to your doctor:

- If your baby needs more than the doses shown in the table, or if fever doesn't go away, speak to your doctor as soon as possible.
- If you are not sure of the cause of your child's illness or it is accompanied by a rash, breathing difficulties, diarrhoea or excessive tiredness or lethargy, speak to your doctor straight away. Do not give Calpol until you get medical advice.

## **!** If anyone has too much

Immediate medical advice should be sought in the event of an overdose, even if the child seems well, because of the risk of delayed, serious liver damage.

## **!** If you forget to give the medicine

Give the next dose when needed, provided that the last dose was given at least 4 hours ago.

**Do not** give a double dose.

## 4 Possible side effects

Calpol Sugar Free Infant Suspension can have side effects, like all medicines, although these don't affect everyone and are usually mild.

### Tell your doctor as soon as possible if you notice any of these:

- allergic reactions including swelling of the face, tongue or throat, difficulty swallowing, unexplained wheezing, shortness of breath which may be accompanied by skin rash or hives.
- becoming unusually tired, unexpected bruising or bleeding and getting more infections (such as colds) than usual. These are very rare effects in people taking paracetamol.

If your child shows any of these signs, **stop giving paracetamol and talk to a doctor.**

**Long term use:** People who use medicines containing paracetamol every day for a long time (several months or more) could get certain side effects, including liver and kidney damage. People taking paracetamol in the usual way for shorter periods have not had these problems.

If you notice any side-effects not included in this leaflet please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

## 5 Storing this medicine

Keep the product out of the reach and sight of children.

Do not store above 25°C.

Keep bottle in the outer carton.

Do not use after the end of the month shown as an expiry date on the packaging.

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 Further information

### What's in this medicine?

**The active ingredient is:** Paracetamol 120 mg per 5 ml

**Other ingredients are:** Maltitol liquid, glycerol, polysorbate 80, sorbitol solution (E420), methyl parahydroxybenzoate (E218), propyl parahydroxybenzoate (E216), ethyl parahydroxybenzoate (E214), dispersible cellulose, xanthan gum and purified water. The flavouring is strawberry and colouring is carmoisine (E122).

### What the medicine looks like

Calpol Sugar Free Infant Suspension is a pink liquid, available in 100 ml and 200 ml bottles. It contains 120 mg of the active ingredient paracetamol in every 5 ml of medicine.

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