

NeoMercazole® 5mg tablet

Carbimazole

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What NeoMercazole is and what it is used for

NeoMercazole belongs to a group of medicines called anti-thyroid agents. NeoMercazole is used to reduce the formation of thyroid hormones in people with an overactive thyroid gland. The condition is called hyperthyroidism.

NeoMercazole is also used in more serious cases, for example, to restore the normal function of the thyroid before its partial removal by surgery. It may also be used together with other treatments for hyperthyroidism.

How NeoMercazole Works

Carbimazole is a thyroid reducing agent.

Carbimazole is rapidly metabolised to methimazole. The mean peak plasma concentration of methimazole is reported to occur one hour after a single dose of carbimazole. The apparent plasma half-life of methimazole is reported as 6.4 hours.

Before you use NeoMercazole

Do not take NeoMercazole

- If you are allergic (hypersensitive) to carbimazole or any of the ingredients of NeoMercazole.

- If you are breast-feeding.
- If you have a serious blood disorder.
- If you have a severe liver disorder.

Take special care with NeoMercazole

- If you are pregnant, think you may be pregnant or are trying to become pregnant.
- If you have mild or moderate liver problems.
- Tell your doctor if any of the above applies to you.

Taking other medicines

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

- Theophylline used to treat asthma or breathing problems.
- Medicines called anticoagulants, which are used to thin the blood e.g. warfarin.

Important information about some of the ingredients of NeoMercazole

NeoMercazole contains lactose and sucrose. If your doctor has told you that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicine.

How to take NeoMercazole Always take NeoMercazole exactly as your doctor has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

- The tablets are to be taken by mouth.
- The dosage will be decided by your doctor according to your individual needs, and may be changed at intervals during treatment.

- Your doctor may decide to add an additional tablet (l-thyroxine), to help control your condition.

When to take it

- Each day's tablets may be divided into two (morning and evening) or three daily doses (morning, noon and night).
- **Do not** change the dosage without consulting your doctor first.
- Some improvement is usually felt within one to three weeks. However, full beneficial effects usually take four to eight weeks.
- If you take too many tablets or someone else accidentally takes your medicine, contact your doctor, pharmacist or the nearest hospital straight away.

How long to take it

- In order to maintain control of the thyroid gland, you may need to continue to take NeoMercazole tablets for several months. Your doctor will decide when treatment can be stopped. He may ask you to have occasional blood tests to help him determine how you are responding to treatment.
- Radio-iodine is another treatment for hyperthyroidism. If you need radioiodine treatment, your doctor will tell you to stop taking NeoMercazole temporarily.

Adults and the elderly: the usual starting dose four to twelve 5 mg tablets daily. Once control is achieved your doctor will gradually reduce your dose to one to three 5 mg tablets each day.

Children : the usual starting dose is three 5 mg tablets daily.

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If you forget to take NeoMercazole

If you forget to take NeoMercazole take the next dose as soon as you remember. If your next dose is due, take both doses together.

If you take more NeoMercazole than you should

If you take more NeoMercazole than you should contact your doctor or nearest hospital emergency department immediately. Take the container and any remaining tablets with you

If at any time you are concerned about these or any other unwanted effects, talk to your doctor as soon as possible.

WHILE YOU ARE USING NEOMERCAZOLE

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Your NeoMercazole treatment is important for you and may need to be continued during pregnancy but very rarely it can cause harm to a developing foetus. However, to reduce the possibility of any effects on your baby:

- Your doctor should prescribe the lowest dose possible.
- Your treatment may be discontinued three to four weeks before you are due to give birth.
- You should not breast-feed if you are using NeoMercazole.

Ask your doctor for advice before taking any medicine.

Driving and using machines

You can drive when taking NeoMercazole, but do not

drive until you know how it affects you.

SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines, NeoMercazole can cause side effects, although not everybody will experience them.

If you experience any of these symptoms whilst taking NeoMercazole please **contact your doctor immediately:**

- sore throat
- mouth ulcers
- high temperature or fever
- significant tiredness
- itching
- increased bruising or bleeding tendency
- you are feeling generally unwell or think that you may have an infection

Do not stop taking NeoMercazole until you have consulted your doctor. Some

tests should be performed to check for bone marrow depression before restarting your treatment.

Bone marrow depression causes a reduction in the number of blood cells and reduces the ability to fight infection. If it is not treated as soon as it is detected the condition can become life-threatening.

Neomercazole can also affect the liver (causing jaundice and inflammation of the liver) or the muscles. If you experience muscle aches or pains or notice yellowing of your skin or the whites of your eyes **consult your doctor immediately** as, under medical supervision, the drug should be stopped and blood tests performed.

Other side effects include:

- feeling sick
- headache
- skin rashes, including urticaria (nettle rash)
- itching
- stomach upset

- painful joints.

The following side effects have also been reported:

- hair thinning
- loss of taste
- angioedema
- a serious allergic reaction with symptoms that may include swollen tongue, lips, face or throat
- lung problems, with symptoms that include shortness of breath or cough
- kidney problems, with symptoms that include a reduction of the amount of urine passed, fluid retention and blood in the urine.

After using Neomercazole Storage

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Do not store above 25°C. Store in the original container.

Do not use after the expiry date which is printed on the carton after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Product description

NeoMercazole 5 tablets are pink, circular biconvex, imprinted with Neo 5 on the obverse and plain on the reverse.

Ingredients

Active ingredient: Carbimazole
Each NeoMercazole 5 tablet contains carbimazole Ph. Eur. 5mg.

Excipients:

Lactose, Maize Starch, Gelatin, Magnesium Stearate, Sucrose, Acacia, Talc, Red Iron Oxide (E172).

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