

Package leaflet: Information for the user



PHLEGM COUGH SYRUP

Guaifenesin 100mg/5ml
Levomenthol 1.1mg/5ml

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

Always take this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor or pharmacist have told you.

- Keep this leaflet. 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. See section 4.

- You must talk to a doctor if you do not feel better or feel worse after 3 days.

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1 What Benylin Phlegm Cough Syrup is and what it is used for

Benylin Phlegm Cough is a medicine which is used to help relieve chesty coughs. It contains Guaifenesin (an expectorant) to help loosen mucus (phlegm) from the lungs and make it easier to cough up, and Levomenthol to help you breathe more easily by easing congestion.

The medicine is for use in adults and children aged 12 years and over.

2 What you need to know before you take Benylin Phlegm Cough Syrup

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 take Benylin Phlegm Cough Syrup

- If you are allergic to guaifenesin or levomenthol or to any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).

! Warnings and Precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Benylin Phlegm Cough Syrup

- If you suffer from **liver** or **kidney problems**.
- If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars.
- If you have had a **cough** for a few weeks that may be caused by **asthma**, or a cough which brings up a lot of mucus (phlegm).

Other medicines and Benylin Phlegm Cough Syrup

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

If you are not sure about any of the medicines you are taking, show the bottle or pack to your pharmacist.

Please tell your doctor that you are taking this product if you have a urine test.

! Pregnancy and breast-feeding

- If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, or not taking contraceptive measures, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine.

! Benylin Phlegm Cough Syrup contains sucrose, liquid glucose, invert sugar, sodium benzoate, propylene glycol (E1520), ethanol, Ponceau 4R (E124) and sodium

- This medicine contains sucrose, liquid glucose and invert sugar. If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars contact your doctor before taking this medicinal product. Contains 3.5 g glucose per 5 ml, 1.0 g of sucrose per 5ml and 6.75mg invert sugar per 5ml. This should be taken into account in patients with diabetes mellitus.
- This medicine contains 197 mg of alcohol (ethanol) in each 5 ml dose. The amount in a 5 ml dose of this medicine is equivalent to less than 5 ml beer or 2 ml wine. The small amount of alcohol in this medicine will not have any noticeable effects.
- Ponceau 4R (E124) may cause allergic reactions.
- This medicinal product contains 16.42 mg sodium (main component of cooking/table salt) per 5 ml. This is equivalent to 0.82% of the recommended maximum daily dietary intake of sodium for an adult.
- This medicine contains 1.07mg propylene glycol in each 5ml dose.
- This medicine contains 10mg sodium benzoate in each 5ml dose.

3 How to take Benylin Phlegm Cough Syrup

Check the table below to see how much medicine to take.

- Always take this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor or pharmacist have told you.

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Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

- For oral use only.
- Do not use more than the stated dose shown.

i Children under 12 years

This medicine is not recommended for children under 12 years.

i Adults and children 12 years and over

Age	Dose
Adults and children over 12 years	Take two 5 ml spoonfuls four times a day.

- Do not give more than 4 doses in 24 hours.
- If symptoms persist, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

! If you take more Benylin Phlegm Cough Syrup than you should

If anyone has too much, contact your doctor or pharmacist immediately.

If you take too much of this product you may develop kidney stones.

! If you forget to take Benylin Phlegm Cough Syrup

You should only take this medicine as required following the dosage instructions above carefully. If you forget to take a dose, take the next dose when needed. **Do not** take a double dose.

4 Possible side-effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side-effects, although not everyone gets them.

If you experience any of the following stop using the medicine and seek immediate help:

- **Allergic reactions** including skin rashes (which may be severe and include blistering and peeling of the skin) and itching.

Mild effects that may occur include:

- Nausea or vomiting.
- Stomach pain or diarrhoea.

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 HPRa Pharmacovigilance, Website: www.hpra.ie. By reporting side-effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5 How to store Benylin Phlegm Cough Syrup

Do not store this product above 30°C.

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

Do not use your medicine after the date shown as an expiry date on the packaging, the expiry date refers to the last day of the month.

Keep the bottle tightly closed to protect from moisture.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away any medicines you no longer use. These measures will help to protect the environment.

6 Contents of the pack and other information

What Benylin Phlegm Cough Syrup contains:

The active substances are Guaifenesin and Levomenthol.

The other ingredients are: Sucrose, liquid glucose, ethanol, glycerol, sodium citrate, saccharin sodium, citric acid monohydrate, sodium benzoate (E211), Ponceau 4R (E124), caramel T12 (E150) (containing glucose, sucrose and invert sugar) (E150), carbomer, concentrated raspberry essence double strength (containing propylene glycol and ethanol), natural sweetness enhancer and purified water.

What Benylin Phlegm Cough Syrup looks like and contents of the pack

Benylin Phlegm Cough is a clear red syrup, available in 125 ml glass bottles.

Marketing Authorisation Holder and Manufacturer

Product Authorisation holder: Johnson & Johnson (Ireland) Ltd., Airton Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24, Ireland.

Manufacturer: Delpharm Orleans, 5 avenue de Concyr, 45071 Orleans, Cedex 2, France.

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