



Praziquantel

Patient information

AFFIX PATIENT IDENTIFICATION LABEL HERE

UMRN:

Family name:

Given name:

Medicine name	Strength	Example of brand	Dose directions

Why do I need to take praziquantel?

Your blood test shows that you have an infection caused schistosomiasis or bilharzia. This is a parasite that is carried by freshwater snails and is found in many countries in Asia, South America and Africa.

Most people with schistosomiasis do not have any symptoms and may have been infected many years ago. If it is not treated, the infection can cause liver, kidney, or bladder problems.

Before taking this medication, you should tell your doctor or nurse practitioner if you are taking any other medications. For example, medicines used to treat epilepsy, TB and HIV can interact with this medication.

You should also tell your doctor or nurse if you have had seizures or an abnormal heart rhythm in the past.

How do I take praziquantel?

The dose of this medication has been calculated according to your weight. You need to take two doses four hours apart.

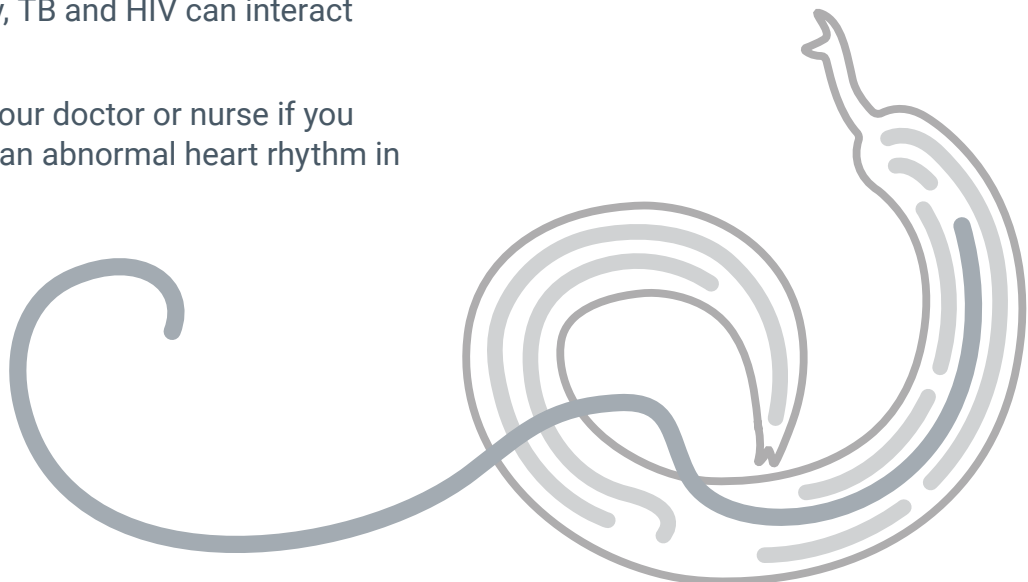
The medicine should be taken with food.

Do not chew the medication.

Do not drink grapefruit juice while you are taking this medication.

Do not drive or operate dangerous machinery when taking this medication.

If you vomit soon after you take the medication please tell your doctor, as the dose may need to be repeated.



Are there any side effects?

Possible side effects from this medicine may include dizziness or drowsiness.

Some people may also have

- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Itching
- Fever.

These symptoms should go away after a few days. Tell your doctor if these symptoms do not go away.

If you develop a rash or swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body you should tell a doctor immediately (call the doctor or go straight to emergency department).

Rare side effects include:

- Seizures
- Heart palpitations
- Chest pain.

If these occur, you should also tell a doctor immediately.

More information is available for this medicine in the form of Consumer Medicines Information (CMI). CMIs are available from hospitals, pharmacies and medical practices and from the Therapeutic Goods Administration website (www.tga.gov.au/consumer-medicines-information-cmi). The CMI contains important information about your medicine and must be read in conjunction with this leaflet.

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