

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET

Bricanyl Turbuhaler 0.5mg/dose

terbutaline sulphate

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.
- If any of the side effects gets serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

What Bricanyl Turbuhaler is used for

Bricanyl Turbuhaler is used in:

- spasms in the muscles in the airways that are not controlled by the will (smooth muscles)
- asthma
- airway catarrh (chronic bronchitis)
- damage to the alveoli of the lungs (emphysema)
- other lung diseases that cause contraction of the airways.

Bricanyl Turbuhaler is used to give rapid relief of acute symptoms.

How Bricanyl Turbuhaler works

Bricanyl Turbuhaler makes it easier to breathe by widening the airways and relaxing spasms in the muscles of the airways. Coughing up tough mucus is made easier.

Before you take Bricanyl Turbuhaler

When you must not take it

Do not take Bricanyl Turbuhaler if you are allergic (hypersensitive) to terbutaline sulphate.

Before you start to take it

Take special care with Bricanyl Turbuhaler.

Talk with your doctor before you start using Bricanyl Turbuhaler if you have any of the following diseases:

- increased thyroid gland function (hyperthyroidism)
- too low potassium level in the blood
- diabetes (sugar disease)
- heart disease, irregular heart action or angina pectoris (vascular spasm)
- narrow-angle glaucoma

If you notice that the effect of Bricanyl Turbuhaler gets worse and you need to take higher doses than usual you must contact the doctor.

Your treatment may need to be monitored. Do not increase your dose of Bricanyl Turbuhaler without speaking with the doctor

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. Some medicines may affect or be affected by treatment with Bricanyl Turbuhaler, e.g.:

- certain medicines including eye drops that contain e.g. sotalol, atenolol, metoprolol or timolol (known as beta-blockers) for the treatment of high blood pressure, irregular heart action and certain eye diseases
- diuretic medicines
- certain other medicines that widen the airways, known as xanthine derivatives or medicines that contain salbutamol or ipratropium
- medicines that contain cortisone
- certain medicines in anaesthesia (putting to sleep)

How to take Bricanyl Turbuhaler

How much to take

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

Bricanyl Turbuhaler is operated only by your own breathing in. The medicine follows with the air breathed in down into the lungs. It is therefore important that you breathe in deeply and hard when you take your dose. The quantity of the active substances in each dose is very small. You may not feel any taste or notice the medicine in another way. If you follow the instructions at the end of this leaflet you can then be sure that you have inhaled the dose.

In each inhalation part of the medicine may get caught inside your mouth and in your throat. To reduce the risk of side effects it is recommended that you rinse your mouth with water after you have used Bricanyl Turbuhaler, if possible.

When to take it

Take Bricanyl Turbuhaler as required as directed by your doctor or pharmacist

How long to take it

Take Bricanyl Turbuhaler as prescribed by your doctor or pharmacist

If you forget to take it

Bricanyl Turbuhaler should be used as required rather than regularly. If you, however, have been prescribed regular treatment and you forget to take dose, take it as soon as you remember. If it is very close to the next dosing time, wait until then to take your medication.

If you take too much (overdose)

The symptoms that you may feel if you take too large a dose include nausea, vomiting, headaches, anxiety, irritability, tremors, tiredness, muscle spasms and palpitations.

If you take more of the medicine than you should or if a child takes the medicine by mistake, for example, contact a doctor or hospital for evaluation of the risk and advice.

While you are using Bricanyl Turbuhaler

Things you must do

Take Bricanyl Turbuhaler as advised by your doctor or pharmacist

Things you must not do

Do not stop taking Bricanyl Turbuhaler unless advised by your doctor or pharmacist

Things to be careful of

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

No known risks in the use of Bricanyl Turbuhaler in pregnancy. Speak with your doctor if you are or plan to become pregnant.

Terbutaline sulphate passes into breast milk, but probably does not affect the child that is breast-fed. Talk to your doctor in more than occasional use of Bricanyl Turbuhaler during breast-feeding, however.

Driving and using machines

Bricanyl Turbuhaler does not affect your ability to drive or use machines.

Side effects

Like all medicines, Bricanyl Turbuhaler can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Most of the side effects that Bricanyl Turbuhaler can cause generally occur at the start of treatment and usually disappear in 1-2 weeks. If any of the side effects persists or gets serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

Very common (occur in more than 1 in 10 patients): tremor, headache.

Common (occur in more than 1 in 100 patients): low potassium level in the blood, palpitations, muscle spasms.

Unknown frequency (cannot be calculated from available data): restlessness, hyperactivity, agitation and sleep disorders, irregular heart action, bronchospasm (contraction of the muscles of the airways, which causes wheezing breathing), nausea, itching, skin rash. Chest pains (as a consequence of heart problems such as angina pectoris (vascular spasm)). Tell your doctor if you get chest pains while you are treated with Bricanyl. However, you must not stop using the medicine unless your doctor tells you to do so.

Storage and Disposal of Bricanyl Turbuhaler

Store the inhaler with the protective cap on.

Do not use after the expiry date which is stated on the inhaler (Exp. month-year) and on the pack (Exp. date month-year).

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Product description

Each inhaler contains 200 doses. Each pack contains 1 inhaler.

Ingredients

One dose (inhalation) contains: terbutaline sulphate 0.5 mg.
Bricanyl Turbuhaler contains no substances other than the active substance.

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