

PACKAGE LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER

PERSEN FORTE

capsules

VALERIAN DRY EXTRACT; DRY EXTRACT OF LEMON BALM LEAF; DRY EXTRACT OF MINT LEAF

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• 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 only • Do not pass it on to others • It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours • If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist • This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet •

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1. WHAT PERSEN FORTE IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR

Persen forte is a traditional herbal medicine used for the relief of mild symptoms of mental stress (such as mental tension and discomfort) and help with insomnia.

Persen forte is a traditional herbal medicine, and the stated range of applications is based on long-term use.

2. BEFORE YOU TAKE PERSEN FORTE

Do not take PERSEN FORTE in case of

- If you are allergic to valerian, lemon balm, peppermint (Mentha), menthol or any of the other ingredients.
- If you have inflammation of the bile ducts (cholangitis), gallstones or any other disorder related to the bile that requires professional medical supervision.

Take special care with PERSEN FORTE in

Please read this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine, even if you've already used it, because some of the information from the previous instructions could, in the meantime, change.

The application of Persen forte capsules are not recommended in children under 12 years.

If you suffer from gastroesophageal reflux disease you should avoid mint leaves, due to a possible reinforcement of heartburn.

If you have gallstones, or are suffering from any disease of the gallbladder and bile duct, be especially careful when taking products containing mint leaves.

Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines. This includes medicines that you buy without a prescription and herbal medicines. Only limited data on pharmacological interactions with other medicines are available. There were no clinically significant interactions with medicines metabolized by CYP 2D6, CYP 3A4 / 5, CYP 1A2 or CYP 2E1 enzymes.

Due to precautionary measures, it is not recommended to take capsules Persen forte with other sedatives or sleeping pills.

Consult your doctor or pharmacist if you are unsure whether you can take capsules Persen forte.

If you have any further questions on the use of Persen forte capsules, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

Taking food and drink with PERSEN FORTE tablets

Persen capsules can be taken regardless of food.

While taking PERSEN forte it is not recommended to use alcohol because it can affect the action of PERSEN forte.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

The safety of capsule Persen forte during pregnancy and breastfeeding has not been established which is why its use in pregnant women and nursing mothers is not recommended.

Driving and using machines

Persen forte may have a negative impact on the ability to drive and use machines. During taking of the medicine it is not recommended to drive and use machines.

Other warnings

Persen forte capsules contain lactose and glucose. If your doctor once said that you are allergic to some sugars, consult with him or with the pharmacist before you start taking the capsules Persen forte.

3. HOW TO TAKE PERSEN FORTE

Adults and children over 12 years

Alleviation of the mild symptoms of mental stress: 2 capsules of Persen forte twice a day.

Insomnia: 1 capsule of Persen forte half an hour to 1 hour before going to sleep with an earlier dose taken during the evening if necessary.

The maximum permitted daily dose: 4 individual doses.

Persen forte capsules are intended for oral use (orally).

Capsules should be swallowed with a small amount of water, regardless of the meal.

If during the two weeks of application Persen forte capsules health condition does not improve or gets worse, consult a doctor.

Use of the capsule Persen forte is not recommended in children younger than 12 years.

If you take more PERSEN FORTE than you should

Contact your doctor if you have taken higher dose than recommended.

A single dose of about 20 g of valerian root (Valerian) (approximately 42 capsules of Persen forte), may cause effects such as fatigue, abdominal cramps, feeling of pressure in the chest, dizziness, hand tremors and mydriasis (dilated pupils). If symptoms worsen or last longer than 24 hours, be sure to contact your doctor.

There is no data on overdose on balm (melissa) or peppermint (Mentha) leaf.

If you forget to take PERSEN forte chewable tablets

Do not take a double dose to make up for the forgotten tablet.

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you have any additional questions.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines, PERSEN FORTE can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

After administration of preparations containing valerian root (Valerian) one may experience side effects of the digestive system such as nausea or abdominal cramps. The frequency of these side effects is not known.

There is a possibility of deterioration of gastroesophageal reflux disease after the application of peppermint (possibility of worsening of heartburn).

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

5. HOW TO STORE PERSEN FORTE

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Do not store above 25 °C.

Do not use PERSEN FORTE after the expiry date which is stated on the label.

Medicines should not be disposed of via waste water 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 PERSEN FORTE contains

Active ingredients:

- 87.5 mg dry extract of Valeriana officinalis L., radix (valerian root), extraction solvent: ethanol 70% V / V (the ratio of herbal drug and the extract is 4-7: 1);
 - 17.5 mg dry extract of Melissa officinalis L., folium (nursery list), extraction solvent: ethanol 50% V / V (the ratio of herbal drug and the extract is 3-6: 1);
 - 17.5 mg dry extract of Mentha piperita L., folium (mint leaves); the extraction solvent: ethanol 40% V / V (the ratio of herbal drug and the extract is 3-6: 1).
- Dry extracts do not contain alcohol.

The other ingredients are:

Capsule content: glucose, liquid, maltodextrin, silica, colloidal anhydrous, peppermint flavor, magnesium oxide, lactose monohydrate, talc, magnesium stearate.

Capsule: gelatin, red iron oxide (E172), titanium dioxide (E171), iron oxide yellow (E172).

What PERSEN FORTE looks like and contents of the pack

Capsule, hard

Description: Capsule with red • brown cap and body, containing brown roan powder or compressed powder.

20 (2 x 10) capsules in (PVC / PCTFE // Al) blisters

Regime of dispensing

The medicine is issued without doctor's prescription.

Manufacturer

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