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Chlorpheniramine, dextromethorphan, and phenylephrine

Generic name: chlorpheniramine, dextromethorphan, and phenylephrine [*klor-feh-NEER-a-meen, dex-troe-meh-THOR-fan, and-feh-nill-EH-frin*]

Brand names: [Balamine DM](#), [Ed A-Hist DM](#), [Gencontuss](#), [Giltuss Allergy Plus](#), Giltuss Children's Allergy Plus, ... [show all 79 brands](#)

Dosage forms: oral liquid (2 mg-10 mg-5 mg/5 mL; 4 mg-10 mg-10 mg/30 mL; 4 mg-15 mg-10 mg/5 mL; 4 mg-20 mg-10 mg/10 mL), ... [show all 2 dosage forms](#)

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What is chlorpheniramine, dextromethorphan, and phenylephrine?

[Chlorpheniramine](#), [dextromethorphan](#), and [phenylephrine](#) is a combination medicine used to treat cough, runny or stuffy nose, sneezing, itching, and watery eyes caused by allergies, the [common cold](#), or the flu.

Chlorpheniramine, dextromethorphan, and phenylephrine may also be used for purposes not listed in this medication guide.

Chlorpheniramine, dextromethorphan, and phenylephrine side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have **signs of an allergic reaction**: hives, difficult breathing, swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

Stop using chlorpheniramine, dextromethorphan, and phenylephrine and call your doctor at once if you have:

- dizziness, nervousness, sleep problems (insomnia); or
- cough or stuffy nose that goes away and then comes back, or lasts more than 7 days.

Common side effects of chlorpheniramine, dextromethorphan, and phenylephrine may include:

- [drowsiness](#); or
- agitation (especially in children).

This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.



[Chlorpheniramine / dextromethorphan / phenylephrine side effects](#) (more detail)

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Warnings

Do not use chlorpheniramine, dextromethorphan, and phenylephrine if you have used an MAO inhibitor in the past 14 days, such as [isocarboxazid](#), [linezolid](#), [methylene blue](#) injection, [phenelzine](#), [rasagiline](#), [selegiline](#), or [tranylcypromine](#).

Before taking this medicine

Do not use chlorpheniramine, dextromethorphan, and phenylephrine if you have used an MAO inhibitor in the past 14 days. A dangerous [drug interaction](#) could occur. MAO inhibitors include isocarboxazid, linezolid, methylene blue injection, phenelzine, and tranylcypromine. **Wait at least 14 days after stopping an MAO inhibitor before you take chlorpheniramine, dextromethorphan, and phenylephrine.**

Ask a doctor or pharmacist if this medicine is safe to use if you have:

- a [chronic cough](#), or a cough with mucus;
- breathing problems such as asthma or COPD;
- [high blood pressure](#), [heart disease](#);
- glaucoma;
- urination problems due to an [enlarged prostate](#);

- diabetes;
- a thyroid disorder; or
- if you recently used alcohol, sedatives, tranquilizers, or any other oral nasal decongestant or stimulant.

Ask a doctor before using this medicine if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

Do not give this medicine to a child younger than 6 years old without medical advice.

How should I take chlorpheniramine, dextromethorphan, and phenylephrine?

Use exactly as directed on the label, or as prescribed by your doctor. Do not take chlorpheniramine, dextromethorphan, and phenylephrine more than recommended on the label. Cold or cough medicine is only for short-term use.

Your dose needs may change if you switch to a different brand, strength, or form of this medicine. **Avoid medication errors by using exactly as directed on the label, or as prescribed by your doctor.**

Follow all directions when giving this medicine to a child. **Do not use the medicine to make a child sleepy.** Misuse of this medicine may cause death in very young children.

Measure **liquid medicine** with the supplied measuring device (not a kitchen spoon).

Call your doctor if your symptoms do not improve after 7 days, or if you have a fever, rash, or headaches.

Store at room temperature away from moisture and heat. Keep the liquid medicine bottle tightly closed when not in use.

i [Detailed Chlorpheniramine / dextromethorphan / phenylephrine dosage information](#)

What happens if I miss a dose?

Chlorpheniramine, dextromethorphan, and phenylephrine is used when needed. If you are on a dosing schedule, skip any missed dose. **Do not** use two doses at one time.

What happens if I overdose?

Seek emergency medical attention or call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222.

What should I avoid while taking chlorpheniramine, dextromethorphan, and phenylephrine?

Drinking alcohol with chlorpheniramine, dextromethorphan, and phenylephrine can cause side effects.

Avoid driving or hazardous activity until you know how this medicine will affect you. Your reactions could be impaired.

Ask a doctor or pharmacist before taking other cough or cold medicines that may contain similar ingredients.

What other drugs will affect chlorpheniramine, dextromethorphan, and

phenylephrine?

Ask a doctor or pharmacist before using any other medicines that can cause drowsiness (such as opioid medication, sleep medicine, a muscle relaxer, or medicine for anxiety or seizures). Tell your doctor about all other medicines you use. This includes prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and [herbal products](#). **Not all possible interactions are listed here.**

 [Chlorpheniramine / dextromethorphan / phenylephrine drug interactions](#) (more detail)

Does chlorpheniramine/dextromethorphan/phenylephrine interact with my other drugs?

Enter medications to view a detailed interaction report using our [Drug Interaction Checker](#).

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Related treatment guides

- [Cough and Nasal Congestion](#)

Further information

Remember, keep this and all other medicines out of the reach of children, never share your medicines with others, and use this medication only for the indication prescribed.

Always consult your healthcare provider to ensure the information displayed on this page applies to your personal circumstances.


Benadryl Pediatric Dosage Guide

Use these dosage charts for infants and children under 12 years old:

[Benadryl Dosage Charts \(Infants & Children\)](#)

DRUG STATUS

Availability

 Rx and/or OTC

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 Risk data available

CSA Schedule*

N/A Not a controlled drug



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