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# Acetaminophen and chlorpheniramine

**Generic name:** acetaminophen and chlorpheniramine [ a-SEET-a-MIN-oh-fen-and-KLOR-fen-IR-a-meen ]**Brand names:** Coricidin HBP Cold and Flu, Coricidin HBP Cold and Flu, Coricidin**Dosage form:** oral tablet (325 mg-2 mg)**Drug class:** [Upper respiratory combinations](#)[Medically reviewed](#) by Drugs.com on Aug 3, 2023. Written by [Cerner Multum](#).[Uses](#) [Side effects](#) [Warnings](#) [Before taking](#) [Dosage](#) [Interactions](#)

## What is acetaminophen and chlorpheniramine?

[Acetaminophen](#) is a pain reliever and a fever reducer.

[Chlorpheniramine](#) is an antihistamine that reduces the natural chemical histamine in the body. Histamine can produce symptoms of sneezing, itching, watery eyes, and runny nose.

Acetaminophen and chlorpheniramine is a combination medicine used to treat headache, runny nose, sneezing, watery eyes, and pain or fever caused by allergies, the [common cold](#), or the flu.

Acetaminophen and chlorpheniramine may also be used for other purposes not listed in this medication guide.

## Acetaminophen and chlorpheniramine side effects

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

**In rare cases, acetaminophen may cause a severe skin reaction that can be fatal.** This could occur even if you have taken acetaminophen in the past and had no reaction. **Stop taking acetaminophen and chlorpheniramine and call your doctor right away if you have skin redness or a rash that spreads and causes blistering and peeling.** If you have this type of reaction, you should never again take any medicine that contains acetaminophen.

**The medicine may cause serious side effects. Stop using the medicine and call your doctor at once if you have:**

- fast, pounding, or uneven heartbeats;
- confusion, severe dizziness or [drowsiness](#);
- tremor, restless muscle movements;
- little or no urinating;
- flu symptoms, easy bruising, unusual bleeding, pale skin, feeling light-headed or short of breath; or

- nausea, pain in your upper stomach pain, itching, loss of appetite, dark urine, clay-colored stools, jaundice (yellowing of the skin or eyes).

**Common side effects of acetaminophen and chlorpheniramine may include:**

- [constipation](#);
- dry eyes, blurred vision, [dry mouth](#) or nose;
- mild dizziness or drowsiness, trouble concentrating;
- feeling restless or excited (especially in children); or
- mild skin rash.

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.

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## Warnings

**Ask a doctor before taking medicine that contains acetaminophen if you have ever had liver disease, or if you drink more than 3 alcoholic beverages per day.**

Do not take more of this medication than is recommended. **An overdose of acetaminophen can damage your liver or cause death.**

In rare cases, acetaminophen may cause a severe skin reaction. **Stop taking this medicine and call your doctor right away if you have skin redness or a rash that spreads and causes blistering and peeling.**

Ask a doctor or pharmacist before using any other cold, allergy, pain, or sleep medication. Acetaminophen (sometimes abbreviated as APAP) is contained in many combination medicines. **Taking certain products together can cause you to get too much acetaminophen which can lead to a fatal overdose.** Check the label to see if a medicine contains acetaminophen or APAP.

Avoid drinking alcohol. It may increase your risk of liver damage while taking acetaminophen.

## Before taking this medicine

**Ask a doctor before taking medicine that contains acetaminophen if you have ever had liver disease, or if you drink more than 3 alcoholic beverages per day.**

You should not use this medication if you are allergic to it, or if you have:

- severe constipation, blockage in your stomach or intestines;
- untreated or uncontrolled diseases--[glaucoma](#), asthma, [heart disease](#), overactive thyroid; or
- if you are unable to urinate.

Ask a doctor or pharmacist before taking acetaminophen and chlorpheniramine if you have any medical condition, especially:

- kidney disease;

- cough with mucus, or cough caused by [emphysema](#) or [chronic bronchitis](#);
- an [enlarged prostate](#), problems with urination;
- a history of [alcoholism](#); or
- if you take potassium (Cytra, Epiklor, K-Lyte, K-Phos, Kaon, [Klor-Con](#), [Polycitra](#), [Urocit-K](#)).

It is not known whether this medicine will harm an unborn baby. **Do not use cold or allergy medicine without a doctor's advice if you are pregnant.**

This medicine can pass into breast milk and may harm a nursing baby. [Antihistamines](#) may slow breast milk production. **Do not use cold or allergy without a doctor's advice if you are breast-feeding a baby.**

**Always ask a doctor before giving a cold or allergy medicine to a child.** Death can occur from the misuse of cough and cold medicines in very young children.

## How should I take acetaminophen and chlorpheniramine?

Use this medication exactly as directed on the label, or as prescribed by your doctor. Do not take this medicine for longer than recommended. Cold or allergy medicine is usually taken only for a short time until your symptoms clear up.

Do not take more of this medication than is recommended. **An overdose of acetaminophen can damage your liver or cause death.**

Stop taking the medicine and call your doctor if you still have a fever after 3 days, or you still have pain after 10 days (or 5 days if treating a child). Also call your doctor if your symptoms get worse, or if you have any redness or swelling.

If you need surgery or medical tests, tell the doctor ahead of time if you have taken this medicine within the past few days.

Store at room temperature away from moisture and heat.

## Acetaminophen and chlorpheniramine dosing information

### Usual Adult Dose for Allergic Rhinitis:

Acetaminophen 325 mg / chlorpheniramine 2 mg tablets: 2 tablets orally every 4 to 6 hours  
Maximum dose: 12 tablets per 24 hours

### Usual Adult Dose for Cold Symptoms:

Acetaminophen 325 mg / chlorpheniramine 2 mg tablets: 2 tablets orally every 4 to 6 hours  
Maximum dose: 12 tablets per 24 hours

### Usual Adult Dose for Influenza:

Acetaminophen 325 mg / chlorpheniramine 2 mg tablets: 2 tablets orally every 4 to 6 hours  
Maximum dose: 12 tablets per 24 hours

### Usual Adult Dose for Rhinorrhea:

Acetaminophen 325 mg / chlorpheniramine 2 mg tablets: 2 tablets orally every 4 to 6 hours

Maximum dose: 12 tablets per 24 hours

#### **Usual Pediatric Dose for Allergic Rhinitis:**

Acetaminophen 325 mg / chlorpheniramine 2 mg tablets:

12 years and older: 2 tablets orally every 4 to 6 hours

Maximum dose: 12 tablets per 24 hours

6 to under 12 years: 1 tablet orally every 4 to 6 hours

Maximum dose: 5 tablets per 24 hours

#### **Usual Pediatric Dose for Cold Symptoms:**

Acetaminophen 325 mg / chlorpheniramine 2 mg tablets:

12 years and older: 2 tablets orally every 4 to 6 hours

Maximum dose: 12 tablets per 24 hours

6 to under 12 years: 1 tablet orally every 4 to 6 hours

Maximum dose: 5 tablets per 24 hours

#### **Usual Pediatric Dose for Influenza:**

Acetaminophen 325 mg / chlorpheniramine 2 mg tablets:

12 years and older: 2 tablets orally every 4 to 6 hours

Maximum dose: 12 tablets per 24 hours

6 to under 12 years: 1 tablet orally every 4 to 6 hours

Maximum dose: 5 tablets per 24 hours

#### **Usual Pediatric Dose for Rhinorrhea:**

Acetaminophen 325 mg / chlorpheniramine 2 mg tablets:

12 years and older: 2 tablets orally every 4 to 6 hours

Maximum dose: 12 tablets per 24 hours

6 to under 12 years: 1 tablet orally every 4 to 6 hours

Maximum dose: 5 tablets per 24 hours

 [Detailed Acetaminophen / chlorpheniramine dosage information](#)

## **What happens if I miss a dose?**

Since acetaminophen and chlorpheniramine is used when needed, you may not be on a dosing schedule. If you are on a schedule, use the missed dose as soon as you remember. Skip the missed dose if it is almost time for your next scheduled dose. **Do not** use extra medicine to make up the missed dose.

## **What happens if I overdose?**

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

The first signs of an [acetaminophen overdose](#) include loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, stomach pain, sweating, and confusion or weakness. Later symptoms may include pain in your upper stomach, dark urine, and yellowing of your skin or the whites of your eyes.

## What should I avoid while taking acetaminophen and chlorpheniramine?

Ask a doctor or pharmacist before using any other cold, allergy, pain, or sleep medication. Acetaminophen (sometimes abbreviated as APAP) is contained in many combination medicines. **Taking certain products together can cause you to get too much acetaminophen which can lead to a fatal overdose.** Check the label to see if a medicine contains acetaminophen or APAP.

Avoid drinking alcohol. It may increase your risk of liver damage while taking acetaminophen.

This medication may impair your thinking or reactions. Be careful if you drive or do anything that requires you to be alert.

## What other drugs will affect acetaminophen and chlorpheniramine?

Other drugs may interact with acetaminophen and chlorpheniramine, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and [herbal products](#). Tell each of your health care providers about all medicines you use now and any medicine you start or stop using.

 [Acetaminophen / chlorpheniramine drug interactions](#) (more detail)

## Does acetaminophen/chlorpheniramine interact with my other drugs?

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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.

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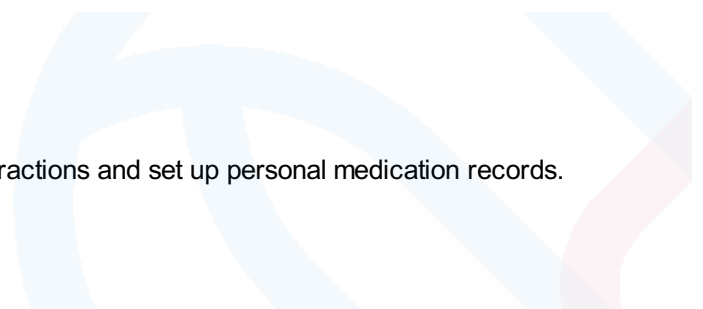
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