



What's my Drug?

Paracetamol is a pain killer. It is mainly used for mild or moderate pain. It can also help with fever (pyrexia) and migraine.

How to take it: Wash the tablets down with a drink of water.

Possible side effects include: Side effects are not common if taken at the correct dose. Skin rashes, occasionally severe, can happen although this is rare.

Warnings and Cautions: The maximum dose you may safely take in any twenty-four-hour period depends on your age and weight. Adults who weigh more than 50 kg should not take more than 8 x 500mg tablets, or 4 x 1g tablets in any 24 hours and do not take more than 2 x 500mg tablets, or 1 x 1g tablets as a single dose. Children, elderly people, and adults who weigh less than 50 kg may be advised to take less per day. Check with your health professional if necessary. Do not take any other medicines that contain paracetamol at the same time (check medicine labels). Keep well out of the reach of children. Check with your health professional if you have liver or kidney trouble. Make sure to read the Patient Information Leaflet for details of other side effects. For women: it can be used during pregnancy and breastfeeding. Note: 50 kg = 7 stone 12 pounds, or 110 pounds.