Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Driving and using machines

Phenylbutazone tablets contain phenylbutazone which is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID).

If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your pharmacist before using this medicine.

DO NOT take the tablets in the last 3 months of pregnancy as they may delay the onset of labour. This is because the drug may affect the unborn baby in the first 6 months of pregnancy.

Other adverse reactions to Phenylbutazone may be due to fluid on the lungs, which may be due to changes in your kidneys.

If you experience difficulty in breathing, swelling or high blood pressure which may affect the heart, you should see your doctor as soon as possible.

If you are expected to take phenylbutazone for more than 1 week, your doctor will take tests for blood disorders, testing and liver function and during treatment.

If you have any side effects, talk to your doctor before you stop taking these tablets, as they may affect the unborn baby in the first 6 months of pregnancy.

If you have any further questions on the use of this product, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

6. Further information

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If you are asthmatic and know that NSAIDs bring on an asthma attack, rash, swelling or oedema (fluid in body tissues), or severe itching of the skin, with a red rash or raised lumps, seek immediate medical attention.

DO NOT take the tablets while breast-feeding unless advised by your doctor.

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If you need to take these tablets, your doctor can help you decide whether or not to take them.

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If you have kidney or liver problems. Your doctor may check your kidney or liver function before and during treatment.

If you are a smoker. Additional monitoring may be carried out by your doctor.

If you have any diseases of the thyroid gland (see Section 1 for further information on the use of this medicine in patients with diabetes, e.g. Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE).

If you have any lung problems, swelling or high blood pressure which may affect the heart.

If you have any inflammatory bowel disease (e.g. ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease), as stomach, intestines or bowel, or severe gastritis, especially if you have taken NSAIDs before.

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