

Ermox

Mebendazole USP

COMPOSITION

Ermox[®] 100 Tablet: Each tablet contains Mebendazole USP 100 mg.

Ermox[®] Suspension: Each 5 ml (1 teaspoonful) contains Mebendazole USP 100 mg.

PHARMACOLOGY

Ermox[®] (Mebendazole) is a synthetic derivative of benzimidazole with potent anthelmintic activity against the most common nematodes and some cestodes. It is highly effective against ascariasis, enterobiasis, trichuriasis and hookworm infections. It is effective in single or mixed infections. The effect of the drug is due to its ability to inhibit glucose uptake irreversibly in susceptible helminths, but it has no effect on blood glucose concentrations in humans. Ermox[®] (Mebendazole) has minimal absorption from gastrointestinal tract and is well tolerated. The same dosage applies to adults and children aged two years and above. No special procedures such as purging, use of laxative and/or dietary changes are required. Parasite immobilization and death occur slowly and clearance from the gastrointestinal tract may not be completed up to 3 days after administration.

INDICATION

Ermox[®] is indicated for the treatment of pinworm (*Enterobius vermicularis*), round worm (*Ascaris lumbricoides*), hookworm (*Ancylostoma duodenale* and *Necator americanus*), whip worm (*Trichuris trichiura*), tape worm (*Taenia solium* and *Taenia saginata*) and threadworm (*Strongyloides stercoralis*) in single or mixed infections.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Ermox[®] 100 Tablet and Ermox[®] Suspension: The same dosage schedule applies to adults & children.

Enterobiasis: A single tablet or 1 teaspoonful (5 ml) of the suspension.

Ascariasis, Ancylostomiasis, Trichuriasis: 2 tablets, one in the morning, the other in the evening for 3 consecutive days or 1 teaspoonful (5 ml) in the morning & 1 teaspoonful (5 ml) in the evening for 3 consecutive days.

Taeniasis & strongyloidiasis: Adults: 2 tablets twice daily for 3 consecutive days.

Children: 1 tablet twice daily or 1 teaspoonful (5 ml) twice daily for 3 consecutive days.

CONTRAINDICATION

This is contraindicated in pregnancy and in patients who have shown hypersensitivity to the product or any of its components.

SIDE EFFECTS

Transient abdominal pain and diarrhoea have been reported, only rarely, in cases of massive infestation and expulsion of worms.

DRUG INTERACTION

Concomitant treatment with cimetidine may inhibit the metabolism of mebendazole in the liver, resulting in increased plasma concentrations of the drug especially during prolonged treatment.

STORAGE

Store at room temperature, protected from light and moisture. Keep out of the reach of children.

HOW SUPPLIED

Ermox[®] 100 Tablet: Box containing 25 x 6 tablets in blister pack.

Ermox[®] Suspension: 30 ml suspension in a PET bottle.