



Dry Coughs Original

diphenhydramine, dextromethorphan,
levomenthol

- This medicine is used to help relieve dry, irritating coughs.
- This medicine is for use by adults and children aged 12 years and over.
- **Do not take this medicine:**
 - There are some people who should not use this medicine. *To find out if you are one of them see section 2 ▶*
 - If you have ever had a **bad reaction** to any of the ingredients. *For the list of ingredients see section 6 ▶*
- **Speak to your doctor:**
 - If you suffer from any of the conditions mentioned in section 2. *See section 2 ▶*
 - If you are taking any other medicines. *See section 2 ▶*
- **Follow the dosage instructions carefully.** These are shown in the table. *See section 3 ▶*

Now read this whole leaflet carefully before you use this medicine. Keep the leaflet: you might need it again.

I What the medicine is for

Benylin Dry Coughs Original is a medicine which is used to help relieve dry, irritating coughs. The liquid contains diphenhydramine hydrochloride which is an antihistamine that helps relieve coughing and dry secretions in the nose and chest, dextromethorphan hydrobromide which is an antitussive to help stop coughing and levomenthol which helps you breathe more easily by relieving congestion.

The medicine is for use in adults and children aged 12 years and over.

2 Before taking this medicine

This medicine is suitable for most people but a few people should not use it. If you are in any doubt, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

X Do not use this medicine...

- If you have ever had a **bad reaction** to any of the ingredients.
- If you suffer from **lung disease**.
- If you have **prostate problems**. (Difficulty with passing water or needing to pass water often).
- If you have **narrow-angle glaucoma** (increased pressure in the eye).
- If you are taking, or have taken in the last two weeks, **drugs for depression** known as Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors (MAOIs).
- For children under 12 years old.

If any of these apply to you, **get advice from a doctor or pharmacist without using Benylin Dry Coughs Original.**

A Talk to your doctor or pharmacist...

- If you suffer from **liver** or **kidney problems**.
- If you are taking **alcohol**.
- If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars.
- If you are taking any **other medicines**, including:
 - **anticholinergic drugs** e.g.
 - **antihistamines** (drugs used to treat **allergies**).
 - **antidepressants** (drugs to treat **mood disorders**).
 - **atropine** (used to treat some **eye conditions** and occasionally **bowel conditions**).
 - **minor tranquilisers** (drugs used to **relax muscles** or **decrease anxiety**).
 - **barbiturates** (a kind of **sleeping tablet**).

If you are not sure about any of the medicines you are taking, show the bottle or pack to your pharmacist.

If any of the bullet points apply to you now or in the past, **talk to a doctor or pharmacist.**

A If you are pregnant or breast-feeding

- Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine if you are pregnant or breast-feeding.

A Special warnings about this medicine

- This medicine may cause drowsiness. If affected, do not operate machinery. Avoid alcoholic drink.
- This medicine can affect your ability to drive. Do not drive whilst taking this medicine until you know how this medicine affects you. It may be an offence to drive when taking this medicine if your ability to drive safely is affected. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure whether it is safe for you to drive while taking this medicine. There is further information for patients who are intending to drive in the UK - go to <https://www.gov.uk/drug-driving-law>

A Some of the ingredients can cause problems

- This medicine contains sodium benzoate, which can irritate the skin, eyes and mucous membranes.
- This medicine contains sucrose and liquid glucose. If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars contact your doctor before taking this medicinal product. Contains 3.5 g glucose per 5 ml. Contains 1 g sucrose per 5 ml. This should be taken into account in patients with diabetes mellitus.
- This medicinal product contains 5 vol % ethanol (alcohol), i.e. up to 200 mg per 5 ml, equivalent to 5 ml beer, 2 ml wine per 5 ml. This can be harmful for those suffering from alcoholism. The ethanol content should be taken into account in pregnant or breast-feeding women, children and high-risk groups such as patients with liver disease or epilepsy.
- Ponceau 4R (E124) may cause allergic reactions.
- This medicinal product contains 16.7 mg sodium per 5 ml. To be taken in consideration by patients on a controlled sodium diet.

3 How to take this medicine

Check the table that follows to see how much medicine to take.

- For oral use only.
- Do not take more than the stated dose shown.

i Children under 12 years

Do not give to children under 12 years old.

i Adults and children aged 12 years and over

Age	Dose
Adults and children aged 12 years and over	Take two 5 ml spoonfuls four times a day.

- Do not take more than 4 doses in 24 hours.
- If symptoms persist, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

! If anyone has too much

If anyone has too much contact a doctor or your nearest Accident and Emergency Department (Casualty) taking this leaflet and pack with you.

! If you forget to take the medicine

If you forget to take a dose, take the next dose when needed. **Do not** take a double dose.

4 Possible side-effects

Benylin Dry Coughs Original can have side-effects, like all medicines, although these don't affect everyone and are usually mild.

Mild effects which may occur include:

- Drowsiness, dizziness, blurred vision.
- Dry mouth, nose and throat.
- Upset stomach.
- Vomiting.
- Nausea.
- Problems with passing water.

If you experience any side-effects not included in this leaflet or are not sure about anything, **talk to your doctor or pharmacist.**

5 Storing this medicine

Do not store this product above 30°C.

Store in the original container.

Keep the product out of the reach and sight of children.

Do not use your medicine after the date shown as an expiry date on the packaging.

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

6 Further information

What's in this medicine?

The active ingredients in 5 ml of Benylin Dry Coughs Original are: 14 mg Diphenhydramine hydrochloride, 6.5 mg Dextromethorphan hydrobromide and 2 mg Levomenthol.

Other ingredients are: Liquid glucose, sucrose, ethanol, glycerol, sodium citrate, saccharin sodium, citric acid monohydrate, sodium benzoate (E211), caramel (E150), raspberry flavour, carbomer, Ponceau 4R (E124) and water.

What the medicine looks like

Benylin Dry Coughs Original is a clear red syrup, available in 150 ml glass bottles.

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