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# Non-Drowsy Sinutab (Pseudoephedrine Hydrochloride, Paracetamol) Product Information

# Presentation:

Tablets containing 30mg pseudoephedrine hydrochloride and 500mg paracetamol. **Uses:** 

Symptomatic relief of conditions where congestion of the mucous membranes of the upper respiratory tract, especially nasal mucosa, and sinuses, is accompanied by mild to moderate pain or pyrexia, including the common cold and influenza, sinusitis, nasopharyngitis, allergic rhinitis, and vasomotor rhinitis.

# Dosage:

Adults and children 16 years and over: Two tablets every four to six hours, up to four times a day (maximum daily dose of 8 tablets). Children 12 years to 15 years: One tablet every four to six hours, up to four times a day (maximum daily dose of 4 tablets).

# **Contraindications:**

This product should not be used in children under 12 years of age. This product is contraindicated in individuals with known hypersensitivity to paracetamol, pseudoephedrine, or any of the excipients; cardiovascular disease including hypertension, diabetes mellitus, phaeochromocytoma, hyperthyroidism, closed angle glaucoma, severe acute or chronic kidney disease/renal failure. This product should not be used by individuals who are concomitantly taking beta blockers, or other sympathomimetic decongestants, and in individuals who are taking, or who have taken monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs) within the preceding 14 days. The concomitant use of MAOIs and pseudoephedrine-containing products may result in a rise in blood pressure and/or hypertensive crisis.

#### **Precautions:**

Caution should be exercised when using the product in the presence of severe hepatic impairment or moderate to severe renal impairment (particularly if accompanied by cardiovascular disease), and in occlusive vascular disease. Patients with the following conditions should be advised to consult a physician before using this product: difficulty in urination, urinary retention and/or prostatic hyperplasia, patients with thyroid disease who are receiving thyroid hormones. This product should be stopped if patients experience hallucinations, restlessness, sleep disturbances. Pseudoephedrine carries the risk of abuse and increased doses may ultimately produce toxicity. Continuous use can lead to tolerance resulting in an increased risk of overdosing. Do not exceed the recommended maximum dose and treatment duration.

Severe skin reactions such as acute generalized exanthematous pustulosis (AGEP) may occur with pseudoephedrine-containing products. If signs and symptoms such as pyrexia, erythema, or many small pustules are observed, this product should be discontinued, and appropriate measures should be taken, if needed.

Some cases of ischaemic colitis have been reported with pseudoephedrine. This product should be discontinued, and medical advice sought if sudden abdominal pain, rectal bleeding, or other symptoms of ischaemic colitis develop.

Cases of ischaemic optic neuropathy have been reported with pseudoephedrine. This product should be discontinued if sudden loss of vision or decreased visual acuity such as scotoma occurs.

Cases of posterior reversible encephalopathy syndrome (PRES) and reversible cerebral vasoconstriction syndrome (RCVS) have been reported with the use of pseudoephedrinecontaining products. The risk is increased in patients with severe or uncontrolled hypertension, or with severe acute or chronic kidney disease/renal failure. Pseudoephedrine should be discontinued, and immediate medical assistance sought if the following symptoms occur: sudden severe headache or thunderclap headache, nausea, vomiting, confusion, seizures and/or visual disturbances.

Avoid taking this product with other paracetamol-containing products. Caution should be taken when paracetamol is used concomitantly with flucloxacillin as concurrent intake has been associated with high anion gap metabolic acidosis, especially in patients with risks factors.

# Please refer to Summary of Product Characteristics for detailed information Pregnancy and Lactation:

This product should not be used during pregnancy or lactation unless the potential benefit of treatment to the mother outweighs the possible risks to the developing foetus or breastfeeding infant.

# Side effects:

<u>Very common</u>: headache.

Common: insomnia, nervousness, headache, dizziness, dry mouth, nausea.

<u>*Rare*</u>: hypersensitivity (cross-sensitivity with other sympathomimetics), hepatic necrosis, rash.

Not known: blood disorders, blood dyscrasias (including agranulocytosis and thrombocytopenia) have been reported following paracetamol use, but were not necessarily causally related to the drug, anxiety, euphoric mood, excitability, irritability, paranoid delusions, restlessness. sleep hallucinations. disorder. cerebrovascular accident, paraesthesia, posterior reversible encephalopathy syndrome cerebral vasoconstriction psychomotor (PRES)/reversible syndrome (RCVS), hyperactivity, somnolence, tremor, ischaemic optic neuropathy, dysrhythmias, myocardial infarction/myocardial ischaemia, palpitations, tachycardia, hypertension, abdominal pain, diarrhoea, ischaemic colitis, vomiting, angioedema, fixed eruption, pruritus, rash pruritic, severe skin reactions including acute generalised exanthematous pustulosis (AGEP), urticaria, dysuria, renal papillary necrosis (after prolonged administration), urinary retention (in men in whom prostatic enlargement could have been an important predisposing factor).

# **Please refer to Summary of Product Characteristics for detailed information. RRP (ex VAT):** £5.80

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