





**ADULT**

**PARACETAMOL**

This document should be read in conjunction with this [DISCLAIMER](#)

<p><b>Presentation</b></p>	<p>Tablet: 500mg          Mini capsule: 500mg          Soluble tablet: 500mg          Slow Release tablet: 665mg          Oral suspension: 250mg/5mL          Rectal suppository: 500mg</p> <p><b><u>Combination Products</u></b>          Tablet: Paracetamol 500mg with Codeine 8mg          Soluble Tablet: Paracetamol 500mg with Codeine 8mg          Tablet: Paracetamol 450mg, Codeine 9.75mg with Doxylamine 5mg          Tablet: Paracetamol 500mg with Codeine 30mg (<b>S4R Medication</b>)          Tablet: Paracetamol 325mg with Dextropropoxyphene 32.5mg (<b>S4R Medication</b>)</p>
<p><b>Dose</b></p>	<p><b><u>Pain and Fever</u></b>  <b>Oral/Rectal:</b>          500 - 1000mg every 4 to 6 hours; maximum 4g daily  <b>Oral Controlled Release (665mg):</b>          2 tablets every 6 to 8 hours swallowed whole. Maximum 6 tablets (3990mg) daily          Usual maximum dose in adults is 4g daily; doses up to 6g daily may be used in palliative care and for 3 to 5 days by specialist pain services for acute pain</p>
<p><b>Pregnancy</b></p>	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Trimester:</b> Safe to use  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester:</b> Safe to use  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester:</b> Safe to use</p>
<p><b>Breastfeeding</b></p>	<p>Safe to use</p>
<p><b>Clinical Guidelines and Policies</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Nurse/Midwife Initiated Medications</a>  <a href="#">Acute Pain Service</a>  <a href="#">Immunisations</a>  <a href="#">Medication Safety: Discharge Medications</a>  <a href="#">Epidural Analgesia in Labour</a>  <a href="#">Maternal Postnatal Perineal Care</a></p>

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