

# Melphin®

Tablet/Suspension

## Description

Melphin contains Pyrantel Pamoate USP. It is an anthelmintic effective against *Ascaris lumbricoides* (roundworm), *Enterobius vermicularis* (pinworm), *Ancylostoma duodenale*/*Necator americanus* (hookworm) and *Trichostrongylus*.

## Indications

Melphin is specifically indicated for the treatment of infestations caused by *Ascaris lumbricoides*, *Enterobius vermicularis*, *Ancylostoma duodenale*/*Necator americanus* and *Trichostrongylus*.

Melphin may be used for the treatment of infestations with one or more of these parasites in both adults and children.

## Dosage and Administration

Melphin is given orally at anytime without regard to ingestion of food or beverages. A single dose of 11 mg/kg body weight, to a maximum of 1 g, should be given to treat infestations caused by the parasites mentioned above. In the case of Pinworm, it is often wise to repeat the dose after an interval of 2 weeks.

## Precautions

Since Pyrantel Pamoate and Piperazine appear to be mutually antagonistic, Melphin should not be given together with Piperazine. Melphin should be kept out of the reach of children.

## Side Effects

Melphin is well tolerated in recommended dosage. When given in large dosage, Melphin may cause gastrointestinal upset such as anorexia, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. Other side effects that may occur in rare occasions are headache, dizziness and rash.

## Use in Special Population

*Pregnancy* : Since Pyrantel Pamoate has not been studied in pregnant women, use of Melphin in such patients is normally contraindicated. Melphin is not recommended for children below 1 year of age.

## **Commercial Packs**

Melphin® Tablet : Box containing 100 tablets in 10 x 10's aluminium strips, each tablet contains Pyrantel Pamoate USP equivalent to 125 mg Pyrantel.

Melphin® Suspension : 10 ml suspension in amber glass bottle, each ml contains Pyrantel Pamoate USP equivalent to 50 mg Pyrantel.