

Composition : Deferiprone 500mg Tablet.

Indications : Deferiprone is indicated for the treatment of iron overload patients with thalassemia major when deferoxamine therapy is contraindicated or inadequate. Deferiprone therapy should be initiated and maintained by a physician experienced in the treatment of patients with thalassemia.

Dosage and administration : In adults and children over 6 years : this medicine may be given by mouth in doses of 25mg/kg three times daily. Doses above 100mg/kg daily are not recommended. Or, as directed by the registered physician.

Contraindication : It is contraindicated for hypersensitivity to the active substance or any of the excipients.

Side effects : Gastrointestinal disorders such as diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain are common during deferiprone treatment and may require temporary reduction in dose. A reddish brown discoloration of the urine is also common. Other adverse effects that have been reported include arthralgia and increased liver enzymes.

Precautions : Deferiprone has been shown to cause neutropenia including agranulocytosis. The patients neutrophil count should be monitored every week. Caution is advised in patients with hepatic or renal impairment.

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Pregnancy and lactation : Deferiprone is not recommended for use in pregnant & lactating women.

Drug interactions : The safety of concurrent use of Deferiprone and Vitamin C has not been formally studied. Based on the reported adverse interaction that can occur between deferoxamine and Vitamin C, caution should be used when administering concurrent Deferiprone and Vitamin C. It should not be given with aluminium containing antacids.

Packing : Feripon : 1x10's tablets in blister pack.