

CILICAINE VK® *(sil-i-kane)*

Phenoxymethylpenicillin

What is in this leaflet?

This leaflet answers some common questions about CILICAINE VK.

It does not contain all the available information.

It does not take place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

All medicines have risks and benefits.

Your doctor has weighed the risks of using CILICAINE VK against the benefits this medicine is expected to have for you.

If you have any concerns about this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Keep this leaflet with your medicine. You may need to read it again.

What is CILICAINE VK?

The name of your medicine is CILICAINE VK.
CILICAINE VK is a type of antibiotic that belongs to the group of medicines called penicillins (*pen-i-sil-lins*).

CILICAINE VK contains a penicillin as an active ingredient called phenoxymethylpenicillin (*fen-oxy-meth-ill-pen-i-sil-lin*).

CILICAINE VK is available as:

- CILICAINE VK capsules:
250 mg and 500 mg

What is CILICAINE VK used for?

CILICAINE VK is used to treat infections in different parts of the body caused by bacteria.

CILICAINE VK works by killing the bacteria that are causing the infection.

CILICAINE VK will not work against infections caused by viruses such as colds or the flu.

Your doctor however, may have prescribed CILICAINE VK for another purpose.

Ask your doctor (or pharmacist) if you have any questions about why CILICAINE VK has been prescribed for you.

A doctor's prescription is required for CILICAINE VK.

Before you take CILICAINE VK

When you must not take it

Do not take CILICAINE VK if you have ever had an allergic reaction to:

- CILICAINE VK or other penicillin's
- any of the other ingredients

in CILICAINE VK listed at the end of this leaflet.

If you have had an allergic reaction to cephalosporins. You may have an increased chance of being allergic to CILICAINE VK if you are or have been allergic to cephalosporins.

Some symptoms of an allergic reaction may include skin rash, itching, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea.

Tell your doctor if you have suffered from any of the allergic conditions in the past due to the use of penicillin.

Do not use CILICAINE VK if the packaging shows sign of tampering or the seal is broken.

Do not use CILICAINE VK after the expiry date printed on the pack has passed.

It may have no effect at all, or worse, it may give an entirely unexpected effect if you use after the expiry date.

Before you start to take it

You must tell your doctor if:

- you are allergic to any other medicines, foods, dyes or preservatives.
- you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant. *CILICAINE VK maybe used during pregnancy (Australian Use in*

Pregnancy Category A). However, your doctor will discuss with you the risks and benefits of taking CILICAINE VK during pregnancy.

- you are breast-feeding or plan to breast feed. *CILICAINE VK can pass to your baby from breast milk.*
- you have or ever had asthma, kidney or any other health problems.

Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor (or pharmacist) if you are taking any other medicines.

This includes any that you buy without a prescription from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines may affect the way other's work. Your doctor or pharmacist can tell you what to do when taking with other medicines.

Avoid drinking alcohol while taking CILICAINE VK and for several days after completing a course of treatment with CILICAINE VK.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any oral contraceptive pills. You may need to use other birth control methods while you are taking CILICAINE VK.

How to take CILICAINE VK

How much to take

The usual dose is:

Adults: *One CILICAINE VK capsule 250 mg - 500 mg every four to six hours or 250*

mg twice daily.

The dose will depend on the type of treatment required for a patient. Your doctor will decide on the number of doses needed each day and how long you will need to take CILICAINE VK. These doses may differ from the usual doses shown in this leaflet.

Follow the instructions given by your doctor and pharmacist and read the label carefully.

If you do not understand the instructions on the box, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

How to take it

Swallow the whole capsule with a glass of water.

When to take it

CILICAINE VK should be taken preferably one hour before food. It should be taken every four to six hours, as instructed by your doctor or pharmacist.

How long to take it

Your doctor or pharmacist will tell you how long to use CILICAINE VK.

Take the whole course of CILICAINE VK until it is finished. Do not stop taking CILICAINE VK even if you feel better. Your infection and symptoms may return.

If you forget to take it

If you forget to take CILICAINE VK, take it as soon as you remember and then go back to your normal dose times. Do not take two doses within 3-4 hours of each other.

If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the dose you missed and take your next dose at the time it is due.

Do not take double dose to make up for the dose you missed.

If you have trouble remembering to take or give CILICAINE VK, ask your pharmacist for some hints.

If you take too much (overdose)

Telephone your doctor or Poisons Information Centre (telephone 0800 764 766) if you think that you or anyone else may have taken too much CILICAINE VK. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

Keep the telephone numbers of these places handy.

There are unlikely to be any serious problems from an overdose of CILICAINE VK. But you must consult your doctor or Poison Information centre.

While you are using CILICAINE VK

Things you must do

If your symptoms do not improve within a few days, or if they become worse, tell your doctor.

If you develop any form of skin rash and/or itching or difficulty in breathing while taking CILICAINE VK, do not take CILICAINE VK any more. Contact your doctor immediately.

If you get diarrhoea, nausea or vomiting, tell your doctor. Consult your pharmacist or nurse in absence of your doctor. Do this even if it occurs several weeks after you have stopped using CILICAINE VK.

Diarrhoea may mean that you have a serious condition affecting your bowel. You may need urgent medical care. Do not take any diarrhoea medicine without first checking with your doctor.

If you become pregnant while you are taking CILICAINE VK tell your doctor.

If you are about to start taking any new medicine, tell your doctor and pharmacist that you are taking CILICAINE VK.

If you have to get any blood or urine tests done tell your doctor and nurse that you are taking CILICAINE VK. CILICAINE VK may affect the results of some tests.

Tell all your doctor(s), dentist and pharmacist(s) who are treating you that you are taking CILICAINE VK.

Tell your doctor if you feel that CILICAINE VK is not helping your condition.

Tell your doctor if, for any reason, you have not used CILICAINE VK exactly as prescribed. Otherwise, your doctor may think that the medicine was not effective and change your treatment unnecessarily.

Things you must not do

Do not stop taking CILICAINE VK until it is finished.

Do not stop taking CILICAINE VK even if you feel better. Your infection and symptoms may not clear completely.

Do not give CILICAINE VK to anyone else even if his or her symptoms seem similar to yours.

Do not use CILICAINE VK to treat other conditions unless your doctor tells you.

Your doctor has prescribed CILICAINE VK is especially for you and your condition. If you use it for another condition, it may not work or make the condition worse.

Things to be careful of

Tell your doctor if you get a sore mouth or tongue, vaginal itching or discharge while taking or after you have stopped taking CILICAINE VK. This could be due to a fungal infection called Thrush. This may also result in fever and irritation in stomach. The use of this medicine may sometimes allow fungi to grow, as CILICAINE VK is ineffective against fungi.

Take care while driving or operating machinery until you know how CILICAINE VK affects you.

Side Effects

Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are using CILICAINE VK.

CILICAINE VK helps most people with infections, but it may have some unwanted side effects. If they occur, most are likely to be minor and temporary. However, some may be serious and need medical attention.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist to answer any questions you may have.

Tell your doctor if you notice any of the following and they worry you.

Side effects reported by some people using CILICAINE VK include:

- skin rash
- nausea & vomiting
- black hairy tongue
- diarrhoea
- epigastric distress
- difficulty in breathing

CILICAINE VK may cause other side effects not listed above. If you have any other side effects, tell your doctor.

Do not be alarmed by this list of possible side effects. You may not experience any of them.

After Using CILICAINE VK

Storage

Keep CILICAINE VK where young children cannot reach it. A locked cupboard at least one-and-a-half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

Keep CILICAINE VK capsules in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C.

Do not leave CILICAINE VK in the car or on windowsills.

Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

Disposal

If your doctor tells you to stop using CILICAINE VK or it has passed its expiry date, ask your pharmacist what to do with any CILICAINE VK left over.

Further Information

This is not all the information that is available on CILICAINE VK. If you need more information, ask a doctor or pharmacist.

Product Description

What it looks like

CILICAINE VK 250 mg and 500 mg capsules are opaque rusty red body and cap.

Ingredients

* Phenoxyethylpenicillin as the potassium salt is an active ingredient in both CILICAINE VK 250 mg and 500 mg capsules.

List of inactive ingredients

CILICAINE VK 250 mg capsules:

Gelatin, titanium dioxide, Iron oxide red and magnesium stearate.

CILICAINE VK 500 mg capsules:

Gelatin, titanium dioxide, Iron oxide red and magnesium stearate.

CILICAINE VK capsules are Gluten and lactose free.

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