

# Primatene Tablets

Ephedrine HCl, USP 12.5 mg, Guaifenesin, USP 200 mg

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## Drug Facts

### Active ingredients (in each tablet)

Ephedrine HCl, USP 12.5 mg .....	Bronchodilator
Guaifenesin, USP 200 mg .....	Expectorant

### Purposes

### Uses

- for temporarily relief of mild symptoms of intermittent asthma:
  - wheezing
  - tightness of chest
  - shortness of breath
- helps loosen phlegm (mucus) and thin bronchial secretions to rid bronchial passageways of bothersome mucus, and to make coughs more productive

### Warnings

**Asthma alert: Because asthma may be life threatening, see a doctor if you**

- are not better in 60 minutes
  - get worse
  - need more than 12 tablets in 24 hours
  - use more than 8 tablets in 24 hours for 3 or more days a week
  - have more than 2 asthma attacks in a week
- These may be signs that your asthma is getting worse
- This product will not give you asthma relief as quickly as an inhaled bronchodilator

### Do not use

- unless a doctor said you have asthma
- if you are now taking a prescription monoamine oxidase inhibitor (MAOI) (certain drugs taken for depression, psychiatric or emotional conditions, or Parkinson's disease), or for 2 weeks after stopping the MAOI drug. If you do not know if your prescription drug contains an MAOI, ask a doctor or pharmacist before taking this product.

### Ask a doctor before use if you have

- ever been hospitalized for asthma
- heart disease
- high blood pressure
- diabetes
- thyroid disease
- seizures
- narrow angle glaucoma
- a psychiatric or emotional condition
- trouble urinating due to an enlarged prostate gland
- cough that occurs with too much phlegm (mucus)
- cough that lasts or is chronic such as occurs with smoking, asthma, chronic bronchitis or emphysema

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## Ask a doctor or pharmacist before use if you are

- taking prescription drugs for asthma, obesity, weight control, depression, or psychiatric or emotional conditions
- taking any drug that contains phenylephrine, pseudoephedrine, ephedrine, or caffeine (such as for allergy, cough-cold, or pain)

## Stop use and ask a doctor if

- your asthma is getting worse (see Asthma alert)
- you have difficulty sleeping
- you have a rapid heart beat
- you have tremors, nervousness, or seizure
- cough lasts more than 7 days, comes back, or is accompanied by fever, rash or persistent headache. These could be signs of a serious condition.

## When using this product

- **your blood pressure or heart rate may go up. This could increase your risk of heart attack or stroke, which may cause death.**
- **your risk of heart attack or stroke increases if you:**
  - **have a history of high blood pressure or heart disease**
  - **take this product more frequently or take more than the recommended dose**
- avoid foods or beverages that contain caffeine
- avoid dietary supplements containing ingredients reported or claimed to have a stimulant effect

**If pregnant or breast-feeding**, ask a health professional before use.

**Keep out of reach of children.** In case of overdose, get medical help or contact a Poison Control Center right away.

## Directions

- **do not take more than directed**

age	dose
adults and children 12 years of age and over	oral dose is 1-2 tablets (12.5 to 25 mg) every 4 hours as needed. Do not take more than 12 tablets (150 mg) in 24 hours
children under 12 years of age	ask a doctor

## Other information

- store at 20-25°C (68-77°F)

## Inactive ingredients

colloidal silicon dioxide, crospovidone, D&C yellow no. 10 aluminum lake, FD&C yellow no. 6 aluminum lake, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, povidone

## Questions or comments?

Call weekdays from 9 AM to 5 PM EST at **1-800-535-0026**