Colchicine capsules are a prescription medication used to prevent gout flares in adults. It is not known if colchicine capsules are safe and effective in children. Do not take colchicine capsules if you have liver or kidney problems and you take certain other medicines. Colchicine can interact with these medicines and lead to serious or life-threatening side effects. Colchicine capsules are not a pain medicine and it should not be taken to treat pain related to conditions other than gout.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking colchicine capsules?

• Take colchicine capsules exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to do so.
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If you miss a dose of colchicine capsules, take it as soon as you remember, but make sure it is at least 12 hours after the last dose. Do not take 2 doses at the same time.

If you have a good appetite while taking colchicine capsules, tell your healthcare provider.

What should I avoid while taking colchicine capsules?

Avoid eating grapefruit or grapefruit juice while taking colchicine capsules. It can increase your chances of getting serious side effects.

What are the possible side effects of colchicine capsules?

Colchicine capsules can cause serious side effects or death. See “What is the most important information I should know about colchicine capsules?”

What are the risks associated with the use of colchicine capsules?

In healthy adults, colchicine capsules when given orally reached a mean Cmax after a single dose administration.

The most common side effects of colchicine capsules include abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting.

Tell your pharmacist if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

These are not all of the possible side effects of colchicine capsules. For more information ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store colchicine capsules?

Store colchicine capsules at room temperature between 68° to 77°F (20° to 25°C).

Keep colchicine capsules in a tightly closed container.

Keep colchicine capsules out of the light and away from moisture.

Keep colchicine capsules and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information about the safe and effective use of colchicine capsules.

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. Do not take colchicine capsules for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give colchicine capsules to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them.

This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about colchicine capsules. If you would like more information, talk to your pharmacist or healthcare provider for information about colchicine capsules that is written for health professionals.

For more information, go to www.west-ward.com or call 1-800-962-8364.

What are the ingredients in colchicine capsules?

Active ingredient: Colchicine

Inactive ingredients: colloidal silicon dioxide, lactose anhydrous, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose and sodium starch glycolate. The capsule shell contains gelatin, purified water, titanium dioxide, erythrosine, Brilliant Blue FCF and Quinoline Yellow.

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