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D-Bright<sup>®</sup>

## Product Summary

### 1. Name of the medicinal product

D-Bright<sup>®</sup>

### 2. Qualitative and quantitative composition

Each ml contains

Cholecalciferol (Vitamin D3) IP 400 IU in a flavoured syrupy base

### 3. Pharmaceutical form

Oral syrup

### 4. Clinical particulars

#### 4.1 Therapeutic indications

The prevention and treatment of vitamin D deficiency.

As an adjunct to specific therapy for osteoporosis in patients with vitamin D deficiency or at risk of vitamin D insufficiency.

#### 4.2 Posology and method of administration

Posology

Treatment vitamin D deficiency should be dependent upon the severity of the disease and the patient's response to treatment, followed by the appropriate long term maintenance therapy.

Paediatric posology

Infants aged 0 up to 2 years

Treatment of vitamin D deficiency 400 – 1,000 IU daily.

Long term maintenance therapy following treatment of deficiency AND Prevention of vitamin D deficiency 200 – 1,000 IU daily.

Children aged 2 years to 11 years

Treatment of vitamin D deficiency 400 – 2,000 IU daily.

Long term maintenance therapy following treatment of deficiency AND Prevention of vitamin D deficiency 400 – 1,000 IU daily.

Adolescents aged 12 years to 18 years

Treatment of vitamin D deficiency 400 – 4,000 IU daily.

Long term maintenance therapy following treatment of deficiency AND Prevention of vitamin D deficiency 400 – 1,600 IU daily.

Adult posology

Adults and the elderly

Treatment of vitamin D deficiency 800 – 4,000 IU daily.

Long term maintenance therapy following treatment of deficiency AND Prevention of vitamin D deficiency 800 – 1,600 IU daily.

As an adjunct to specific therapy for osteoporosis 800 IU daily.

During pregnancy and breast-feeding

Treatment of vitamin D deficiency 400 – 4,000 IU daily.

Long term maintenance therapy following treatment of deficiency AND Prevention of vitamin D deficiency 400 – 2,000 IU daily.

Table summarising the posologies of different indications against patient population

	Paediatric posology			Adult posology	
	Infant (0 – 2 years)	Children (2 – 11 years)	Adolescents (12 – 18 years)	Adults and the elderly	Pregnancy / breast feeding
Treatment (for up to 12 weeks)	400 – 1,000 IU/day	400 – 2,000 IU/day	400 – 4,000 IU/day	800 – 4,000 IU/day	400 – 4,000 IU/day
Prevention/ long term maintenance	200 – 1,000 IU/day	400 – 1,000 IU/day	400 – 1,600 IU/day	800 – 1,600 IU/day	400 IU/day (but up to 2,000) IU/day
adjunct to specific therapy for osteoporosis	-	-	-	800 IU/day	-

Method of administration

Oral

The bottle should be held vertically while dispensing drops.

D-Bright® Drops can be dispensed onto a spoon and taken as is or to facilitate the intake it can also be mixed with a small amount of cold or lukewarm food immediately prior to use. The patient should be sure to take the entire dose.

In infants, children and adolescents drops can be mixed with a small amount of children's foods, yogurt, milk, cheese or other dairy products. D-Bright® Drops must not be mixed into a bottle of milk or container of soft foods in case the child does not consume the whole portion, and consequently does not receive the full dose.

### **4.3 Contraindications**

Hypersensitivity to vitamin D or any of the excipients in the product

Hypervitaminosis D

Nephrolithiasis

Diseases or conditions resulting in hypercalcaemia and/or hypercalciuria

Severe renal impairment.

### **4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use**

Vitamin D should be used with caution in patients with impairment of renal function and the effect on calcium and phosphate levels should be monitored. The risk of soft tissue calcification should be taken into account. In patients with severe renal insufficiency, vitamin D in the form of colesticaliferol is not metabolised normally and other forms of vitamin D should be used (see section 4.3, contraindications).

Caution is required in patients receiving treatment for cardiovascular disease (see Section 4.5 – cardiac glycosides including digitalis).

D-Bright® should be prescribed with caution to patients suffering from sarcoidosis because of the risk of increased metabolism of vitamin D to its active form. These patients should be monitored with regard to the calcium content in serum and urine.

Allowances should be made for vitamin D supplements from other sources.

The need for additional calcium supplementation should be considered for individual patients. Calcium supplements should be given under close medical supervision.

Medical supervision is required whilst on treatment to prevent hypercalcaemia.

### **4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction**

Concomitant treatment with phenytoin or barbiturates can decrease the effect of vitamin D because of metabolic activation. Concomitant use of glucocorticoids can decrease the effect of vitamin D.

The effects of digitalis and other cardiac glycosides may be accentuated with the oral administration of calcium combined with Vitamin D. Strict medical supervision is

needed and, if necessary monitoring of ECG and calcium. Simultaneous treatment with ion exchange resins such as cholestyramine or laxatives such as paraffin oil may reduce the gastrointestinal absorption of vitamin D.

The cytotoxic agent actinomycin and imidazole antifungal agents interfere with vitamin D activity by inhibiting the conversion of 25-hydroxyvitamin D to 1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D by the kidney enzyme, 25-hydroxyvitamin D-1-hydroxylase.

#### **4.6 Fertility, Pregnancy and lactation**

There are no or limited amount of data from the use of colecalciferol in pregnant women. Studies in animals have shown reproductive toxicity (see section 5.3). The recommended daily intake for pregnant women is 400 IU, however, in women who are considered to be vitamin D deficient a higher dose may be required. During pregnancy women should follow the advice of their medical practitioner as their requirements may vary depending on the severity of their disease and their response to treatment.

Vitamin D and its metabolites are excreted in breast milk. Overdose in infants induced by nursing mothers has not been observed, however, when prescribing additional vitamin D to a breast-fed child the practitioner should consider the dose of any additional vitamin D given to the mother.

#### **4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines**

None known.

#### **4.8 Undesirable effects**

Adverse reactions are listed below, by system organ class and frequency. Frequencies are defined as: uncommon ( $>1/1,000$ ,  $<1/100$ ) or rare ( $>1/10,000$ ,  $<1/1,000$ ).

Metabolism and nutrition disorders

Uncommon: Hypercalcaemia and hypercalciuria. Skin and subcutaneous disorders

Rare: Pruritus, rash and urticaria.

#### **4.9 Overdose**

The most serious consequence of acute or chronic overdose is hypercalcaemia due to vitamin D toxicity. Symptoms may include nausea, vomiting, polyuria, anorexia, weakness, apathy, thirst and constipation. Chronic overdoses can lead to vascular and organ calcification as a result of hypercalcaemia. Treatment should consist of stopping

all intake of vitamin D and rehydration.

## **5. Pharmacological properties**

### **5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties**

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Vitamin D and analogues

In its biologically active form vitamin D<sub>3</sub> stimulates intestinal calcium absorption, incorporation of calcium into the osteoid, and release of calcium from bone tissue. In the small intestine it promotes rapid and delayed calcium uptake. The passive and active transport of phosphate is also stimulated. In the kidney, it inhibits the excretion of calcium and phosphate by promoting tubular resorption. The production of parathyroid hormone (PTH) in the parathyroids is inhibited directly by the biologically active form of vitamin D<sub>3</sub>. PTH secretion is inhibited additionally by the increased calcium uptake in the small intestine under the influence of biologically active vitamin D<sub>3</sub>.

### **5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties**

The pharmacokinetics of vitamin D is well known. Vitamin D is well absorbed from the gastro-intestinal tract in the presence of bile. It is hydroxylated in the liver to form 25-hydroxycolecalciferol and then undergoes further hydroxylation in the kidney to form the active metabolite 1, 25 dihydroxycolecalciferol (calcitriol). The metabolites circulate in the blood bound to a specific  $\alpha$  - globin, Vitamin D and its metabolites are excreted mainly in the bile and faeces.

### **5.3 Preclinical safety data**

Vitamin D is well known and is a widely used material and has been used in clinical practice for many years. As such toxicity is only likely to occur in chronic overdosage where hypercalcaemia could result.

Colecalciferol has been shown to be teratogenic in high doses in animals (4-15 times the human dose). Offspring from pregnant rabbits treated with high doses of vitamin D had lesions anatomically similar to those of supraaortic stenosis and offspring not showing such changes show vasculotoxicity similar to that of adults following acute vitamin D toxicity.

## **6. Pharmaceutical particulars**

### **6.1 List of excipients**

Flavoured Syrupy Base QS

Appropriate overages of Vitamin

### **6.2 Incompatibilities**

None known

### **6.3 Shelf life**

18 months

### **6.4 Special precautions for storage**

Store protected from light & moisture, at a temperature not exceeding 30°C

## **Administrative data**

### **7. Marketing authorisation holder**

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### **9. Date of text**

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