**Paracetamol**

**Usage:**
- **Gastrointestinal:**
  - General disorders: Muscle rigidity, especially in muscles of inspiration [life-threatening dose], general feeling of discomfort or illness, and unusual tiredness or weakness.
  - **Hepatobiliary system disorders:** Liver failure.
- **Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders:**
  - **General disorders:** Vomiting.
  - **Respiratory disorders:** Cough.
- **Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders:**
  - **General disorders:** Blurred vision or double vision and other changes in vision.

**Contraindications:**
- Hypersensitivity to paracetamol.
- Severe hepatic impairment.
- Severe renal impairment.
- Severe respiratory disease.
- **Tricyclic antidepressants** (e.g., amitriptyline), monoamine oxidase inhibitors.

**Warnings:**
- The codeine in CO-CODAMOL may increase the half-life of cimetidine and domperidone.
- The paracetamol in CO-CODAMOL may increase the half-life of chrophenicol.
- The codeine in CO-CODAMOL may antagonise the gastrointestinal effects of metoclopramide and domperidone.
- The codeine in CO-CODAMOL may delay the absorption of diazepam and thus delay its anticonvulsant effect.
- The codeine in CO-CODAMOL may antagonise the respiratory depressant effect of other CNS depressants (e.g., barbiturates and alcohol).
- **Contraindications:**
  - **Respiratory depression:** Convulsions may occur, especially in children.
  - **Respiratory depression:** In the first 24 hours include pallor, nausea, vomiting, anorexia, and possible abdominal pain. Mild symptoms during the first two days of acute poisoning do not reflect the potential seriousness of the overdosage.
  - Liver damage may become apparent 12 to 48 hours, or later, after ingestion, initially by elevation of the serum transaminase and lactic hydrogenase activity, increased serum bilirubin concentrations, and prolongation of the prothrombin time. Liver damage may progress to hepatic encephalopathy, coma and death.
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**Interactions:**
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- **Antidepressants:** Use with caution.
- **Antidiabetic agents:** Use with caution.
- **Antihistamines:** Use with caution.
- **Anti-inflammatory agents:** Use with caution.
- **Antioxidant agents:** Use with caution.
- **Antihypertensive agents:** Use with caution.
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**Overdosage:**
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**Prescribed by a healthcare professional.**