#### PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER

ALBEN 4% 400mg/10ml SUSPENSION

**ALBEN 400mg TABLET** 

ZENTEL 2% 400mg/20ml SUSPENSION

**ZENTEL 200mg TABLET** 

**ALBENDAZOLE** 

#### Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your health care provider.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.
- If any of the side effects becomes serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your health care provider.

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#### 1. WHAT ALBEN / ZENTEL IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR

For treatment of common worm infections of the gut (pinworm, roundworm, hookworm and whipworm). This medicine may also be used to treat other types of worm infections but only after medical advice.

### 2. BEFORE YOU TAKE ALBEN / ZENTEL

## Do not take Alben / Zentel

- if you are allergic (hypersensitive) to albendazole or any of the other ingredients of Alben / Zentel.

## Take special care with Alben / Zentel

If you have been diagnosed with liver or kidney problems, seek advice from a Healthcare Professional before taking this medicine.

This medicine may cause liver problems. Please consult a Healthcare Professional if you experience yellowing of the skin or eyes.

Women of childbearing age should begin treatment during the first 10 days of starting their period, or immediately after a negative pregnancy test, in order to avoid taking this medicine during early pregnancy.

If you develop severe headache, nausea and vomiting, fits and/or problems with your vision after taking this medicine, consult a Healthcare Professional immediately.

#### Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Do not use if you are pregnant.

If you are breast feeding, please seek advice from a Healthcare Professional before using this medicine.

## 3. HOW TO TAKE ALBEN / ZENTEL

Always take Alben / Zentel exactly as your health care provider has told you. You should check with your health care provider if you are not sure. The usual dose is;

Adults and children over 2-years of age 400mg as a single dose.

Children 1-2 years of age 200mg as a single dose.

Do not exceed maximum single daily recommended dose for adults and children over 2-years (of 400mg) or children 1-2- years (200mg).

If you still experience symptoms after taking a single dose, please seek medical advice for further treatment.

Some people, particularly young children, may experience problems swallowing the tablets whole. Tablets can be split, chewed with a little water or crushed

#### If you take more Alben / Zentel than you should

Please consult a Healthcare Professional for advice in the event of overdose.

# 4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines, Alben / Zentel can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

If any of the side effects gets serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your health care provider.

Uncommon side effects (up to 1 in 100 people) are headache, dizziness, stomach pain, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea.

Rare side effects (up to 1 in 1000 people) are changes in liver blood test. Please consult a Healthcare Professional if you experience yellowing of the skin or eyes.

Very rare side effects (up to 1 in 10, 000 people) are serious blistering skin rashes with swelling and peeling. Please contact a Healthcare Professional if you notice any of these symptoms

#### **5. HOW TO STORE ALBEN / ZENTEL**

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Avoid contact with the skin, eyes, mouth or nose, as albendazole suspension may cause irritation

Do not store above 30°C.

Do not use Alben / Zentel after the expiry date which is stated on the label.

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

#### 6. FURTHER INFORMATION

## What Alben / Zentel contains:

The active pharmaceutical ingredient is Albendazole.

The other ingredients are;

## Alben / Zentel Suspension

Aluminium magnesium silicate

Carboxymethylcellulose sodium

Glycerin

Polysorbate 80

Sorbitan monolaureate

Potassium sorbate

Benzoic acid

Sorbic acid

Silicone antifoam 1510

Saccharin sodium

**Flavourings** 

## Alben 400mg tablet

Lactose monohydrate

Maize starch

Povidone

Sodium lauryl sulphate

Sodium starch glycollate

Microcrystalline cellulose

Sunset yellow lake

Magnesium stearate Flavourings Film coating; Methylhydroxypropylcellulose 15 Methylhydroxypropylcellulose 5 Propylene glycol **Zentel 200mg Tablet** Lactose Maize starch Polyvidone Sodium lauryl sulphate Sodium starch glycollate Microcrystalline cellulose Sodium saccharin Magnesium stearate Film coating; Methylhydroxypropylcellulose 15 Methylhydroxypropylcellulose 5 Propylene glycol What Alben / Zentel looks like and contents of the pack: Alben / Zentel suspension are available in glass/plastic bottle with aluminium cap. Alben / Zentel are available in Blister packs. Manufacturer Alben / Zentel Suspension; M/S Panacea Biotic Ltd, Village Malpur, Baddi, District Solan-173205, Himachal Pradesh, India. Alben / Zentel Tablet; Medreich Limited, 4/3 Avala Halli Anjanapura Post Bangalore 560062, India. This leaflet was last approved on 11/2019

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