



**Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.**

- Always take this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet, or as your doctor, or pharmacist or qualified healthcare practitioner has told you.
- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice.
- You must contact a doctor or qualified healthcare practitioner if your symptoms worsen or do not improve after one week.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or qualified healthcare practitioner. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

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## **1. WHAT HRI WATER BALANCE IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR**

This medicine contains Dandelion herb with root and extracts of Uva-ursi leaf and Buchu leaf which are the active ingredients.

HRI Water Balance is a traditional herbal medicinal product used to relieve symptoms of mild water retention, based on traditional use only.

Water retention occurs when the body stores some water instead of passing it out naturally through the urine and sweat. Signs of water retention include swollen hands, ankles or abdomen and it often occurs around the time of menstruation or due to long periods of immobility (e.g. long flights).

## **2. WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU TAKE HRI WATER BALANCE**

### **Do not take HRI Water Balance:**

- If you are allergic to Dandelion herb or root, Uva-ursi leaf extract, Buchu leaf extract, plants of the Asteraceae (Compositae) family such as daisies, marigolds or artichokes, or any of the other ingredients (see section 6)
- If you are under the age of 18 years or elderly
- If you are pregnant or breast-feeding
- If you have any obstructions or inflammation (cholangitis) of the bile ducts, any other biliary diseases, any liver problems, gallstones, or a peptic ulcer
- If you have diabetes or heart/kidney failure or a condition where a reduced fluid is recommended e.g. heart/kidney disease
- While you are taking other diuretic medicines.

### **While taking:**

- If you get a fever, spasms, pain on going to the toilet or blood in your urine you should see your doctor
- Your urine may go a greenish-brown colour, do not worry about this.

### **Taking other medicines**

Tell your doctor or pharmacist before use if you are taking any other medicines, including those obtained without a prescription.

### **Pregnancy and breast-feeding**

Do not take this medicine.

### **Important information about some of the ingredients**

If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, please contact your doctor before taking this medicine.

## **3. HOW TO TAKE HRI WATER BALANCE**

Do not take more than the leaflet tells you to.

For oral use only.

### **Adults:**

Take 2 tablets twice a day after meals.

If symptoms worsen or persist after one week, speak to your doctor or qualified healthcare practitioner.

### **If you take more HRI Water Balance than you should**

If you take more than the recommended dose, speak to a doctor, pharmacist or qualified healthcare practitioner and take this leaflet with you.

### **If you forget to take HRI Water Balance**

Continue to take your usual dose at the usual time. It does not matter if you have missed a dose, just take the next dose at the right time.

Do not take a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

**If you have any further questions on taking this medicine, ask your doctor, pharmacist or qualified healthcare practitioner.**

## **4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS**

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Nausea, vomiting and stomach ache have been reported if Uva-ursi leaf is taken. The frequency is not known.

### **Reporting of side effects**

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or qualified healthcare practitioner. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at: [www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard). By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

## **5. HOW TO STORE HRI WATER BALANCE**

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and labels. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not store above 25 °C. Store in the original packaging.

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

## **6. CONTENTS OF THE PACK AND OTHER INFORMATION**

### **What HRI Water Balance contains**

Each coated tablet contains 100mg of Dandelion herb with root (*Taraxacum officinale* F. H. Wigg), 9.70 mg of extract (as dry extract) from Uva-ursi leaf (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi* L.) (equivalent to 29-58 mg of Uva-ursi leaf) Extraction solvent: Ethanol 50% v/v and 11.25 mg of extract (as dry extract) from Buchu leaf (*Agathosma betulina* L.) (equivalent to 30-60 mg of Buchu leaf) Extraction solvent: water.

Each tablet also contains 160 mg of sucrose.

### **The other ingredients are:**

- Tablet core: calcium hydrogen phosphate, sucrose, spray dried acacia, croscarmellose sodium, magnesium stearate, stearic acid, silicon dioxide.
- Tablet coating: sucrose, calcium carbonate, purified talc, shellac, spray dried acacia, beeswax, carnauba wax, black iron oxide (E172), titanium dioxide (E171).

### **What HRI Water Balance looks like and contents of the pack**

HRI Water Balance are dark grey round biconvex tablets. The tablets are available in glass bottles with a polypropylene screw cap and blister strips.

This product is available in glass bottles: 30, 40, 45, 50, 60, 80 and 100 pack sizes.

This product is available in blister strips: 30, 40, 45, 50, 60, 80 and 100 pack sizes.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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The Herbal Research Company Ltd, 27 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3XX, UK.

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