

# Managing Hay Fever and Allergies



#### Allergic Rhinitis (AR) simply means "inflammation of the nose" 1

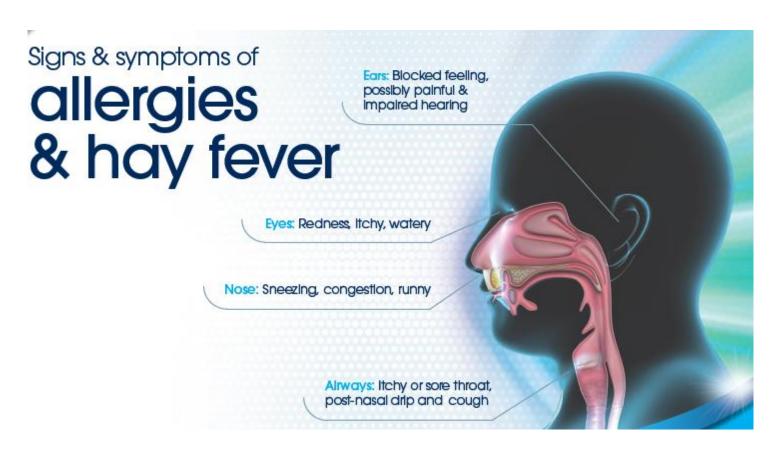
#### What triggers AR? 1

AR occurs when an allergen is inhaled by someone with a sensitive immune system

#### Common triggers are: 1

- ✓ House dust mites
- ✓ Pollens (grass, tree or weed)
- ✓ Animal dander
- ✓ Mould spores

#### Resulting in the following signs and symptoms <sup>1</sup>



#### The impact of allergic rhinitis or hay fever on New Zealanders

In New Zealand, allergic rhinitis (AR) or hay fever is the most common allergic disorder. <sup>1,2</sup>

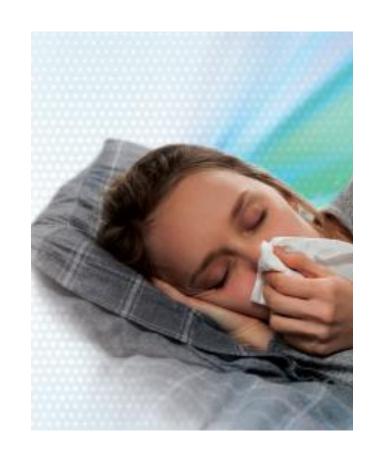
Approximately 20% of New Zealanders suffer from rhinitis.

Of these, about one third develops problems before the age of 10. <sup>3</sup>

AR has a significant impact on: 1-3

- ✓ sleep
- √ concentration
- ✓ learning
- √ daily function

Allergic rhinitis can affect childhood behaviour and development. 1,2



# How do you diagnose allergic rhinitis to help your customer choose the right therapy?

#### Mild Allergy Symptoms 1,2

- ✓ Does your customer suffer from intermittent signs and symptoms
  - ✓ That is, does your customer have symptoms less than 4 days per week or 4 weeks at a time
- ✓ Symptoms include:
  - ✓ Sneezing, itchy, runny nose
  - ✓ Itchy throat
  - ✓ Watery, itchy, red eyes
- ✓ Does your customer have:
  - ✓ Normal sleep
  - ✓ No impairment of daily activities
  - ✓ Normal work /school performance

#### **Moderate to Severe Allergy Symptoms 1,2**

- ✓ Does your customer suffer from persistent signs and symptoms
  - ✓ That is, does your customer have symptoms greater than 4 days per week or 4 weeks at a time
- ✓ Symptoms include:
  - ✓ Sneezing, itchy, runny nose
  - ✓ Itchy throat
  - ✓ Watery, itchy, red eyes
- ✓ Does your customer have:
  - √ Abnormal sleep
  - ✓ Impairment of daily activities
  - ✓ Abnormal work/school performance

#### RAZENE®, is New Zealand's #1 selling antihistamine tablet by volume 4

#### RAZENE® TABLETS ARE FOR THE RELIEF OF: 5

- ✓ Seasonal allergic rhinitis (hay fever)
- ✓ Year-round allergic rhinitis
- ✓ Insect bites
- ✓ Allergic conjunctivitis or red, itchy, watery eyes
- ✓ Urticaria of allergic origin or hives (a skin rash)







- ✓ RAZENE® contains the antihistamine cetirizine
- √ Fast-acting
- ✓ Long-lasting once-a day dose lasts up to 24-hours
- ✓ Relieves **nasal**, **eye and skin** allergic symptoms
- √ Able to be used by anyone over 2 years of age
- **√Non-drowsy**
- √Only available from pharmacies
- √ Available in packs of 30s and 90s



# DYMISTA® is a unique combination nasal spray containing fluticasone (a corticosteroid) & azelastine (an antihistamine) <sup>6</sup>

#### Dymista<sup>®</sup> is effective for: <sup>6</sup>

Year round and seasonal allergies

Hay fever

Pet allergens and dust mites

Sneezing & nasal congestion

Runny, itchy or blocked nose

Red, watery or itchy eyes

#### **DYMISTA** ® starts working from 5 minutes <sup>7</sup>





FLIXONASE \* starts to work in 2-4 hours \*

**DYMISTA** ® is for anyone over the age of 12 suffering from moderate to severe allergy and hay fever symptoms. 6 DYMISTA® should not be used for longer than 6 months except on the advice of a healthcare professional.

## RAZENE® & DYMISTA® ingredients, dosage & symptom relief <sup>5,6</sup>

Dose

Ingredient

Nasal symptom relief | Eye symptom

For the

				relief	treatment of:
Razene®	Cetirizine hydrochloride 10 milligrams	6 years and older - 1 tablet daily 2-6 years - ½ tablet daily	<ul><li>Sneezing</li><li>Runny nose</li><li>Blocked nose</li><li>Post-nasal drip</li><li>Itchy nose</li></ul>	<ul><li>Itching</li><li>Redness</li><li>Watering</li></ul>	Allergic rhinitis
Dymista	Azelastine hydrochloride 137 micrograms & Fluticasone propionate 50 micrograms	From 12 years old 1 spray per nostril twice a day	<ul><li>Sneezing</li><li>Runny nose</li><li>Blocked nose</li><li>Itchy nose</li></ul>	<ul><li>Itchy</li><li>Redness</li><li>Watering</li></ul>	Moderate to severe allergic rhinitis

### **Help your customers**



How is your current allergy product working?

What symptoms are you experiencing? How do your allergies affect you?

Make a recommendation based on their answers.

Consider recommending an alternative if they're not getting satisfactory relief.



#### **Questions**

- 1. Which statements are true about Allergic Rhinitis (AR) in New Zealand?
  - a) AR or hay fever is the most common allergic disorder
  - b) Can affect childhood behaviour and development
  - AR has a significant impact on sleep, concentration, learning and daily function
  - d) All of the above
- 2. What are the signs and symptoms of AR?
  - a) Blocked, congested nose
  - b) Red, watery, itchy eyes
  - c) Blocked and painful ears
  - d) All of the above
- 3. RAZENE® is a antihistamine tablet which:
  - a) Works fast and lasts for 24-hour
  - b) Only available from pharmacies
  - c) Relieves nasal and eye symptoms
  - d) All of the above

- 4. RAZENE® tablets are for the relief of:
  - a) Allergic rhinitis, insect bites & allergic skin rashes e.g. hives
  - b) Headache relief
  - c) Hay fever relief only
  - d) All of the above
- 5. What is DYMISTA®?
  - a) A unique combination nasal spray containing fluticasone (a corticosteroid) & azelastine (an antihistamine)
  - b) A fast acting reliever of allergic rhinitis providing relief from 5 minutes
  - c) Suitable for anyone over the age of 12 suffering from moderate to severe allergy and hay fever symptoms
  - d) All of the above
- 6. Which statements are true about dosing?
  - a) DYMISTA® can be used by adults and adolescents from 12 years and older
  - b) DYMISTA® requires one spray in each nostril twice daily (morning and evening).
  - c) RAZENE ® dosing is 1 tablet, once daily from 12 years and children from 2-6 years can only use a ½ tablet daily
  - d) All of the above

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DYMISTA® (azelastine hydrochloride 137micrograms and fluticasone propionate 50micrograms per spray). Pharmacy Only Medicine. Indications: For the symptomatic treatment of moderate to severe allergic rhinitis and rhino-conjunctivitis. Contraindications: Hypersensitivity to the active ingredients or any of the excipients. Precautions: Recent injury or surgery to nose or infections, sores or ulcers in your nose, are or may become pregnant, are breast-feeding, currently taking another steroid, suffer from nosebleeds, have eye pain or visual disturbances. Interactions: Central nervous system depressants, cytochrome P450 inhibitors, ketoconazole, ritonavir or cimetidine. Adverse Effects: Headache, visual disturbances, dysgeusia, epistaxis, somnolence, may cause drowsiness (avoid alcohol and driving). Dosage & Administration: 12 years and older: One spray in each nostril twice daily (morning & evening). Before recommending please refer to the full datasheet available from www.medsafe.govt.nz. Dymista® is a registered trademark of Viatris Ltd. Viatris Ltd., Auckland.

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