Melatonin is a natural substance secreted by the pineal gland in the brain. It is recognized as a key element in regulating the body’s day/night metabolic rates. The secretion of melatonin is synchronized with our biological clock, which dictates the daily changes upon the body’s metabolic activity. These are known as our circadian rhythms. Melatonin is a hormone derived from serotonin and is only produced when the surrounding environment is dark. The pineal gland receives information from the optic nerve about the ambient light levels and adjusts its melatonin output accordingly. When night falls, the pineal gland responds to the decreased light levels by greatly increasing its output of melatonin. Melatonin produces the feeling of sleepiness. After a few hours, blood melatonin levels reach a point where sleep is induced; they reach a peak a few hours after the onset of sleep and then gradually decrease throughout the sleep period. Exposure to light results in a rapid breakdown of melatonin and suppresses its production. Melatonin thus plays a critical role in our sleep/wake cycle and irregularities in melatonin production can cause sleep problems, lethargy and mood disorders.

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Melatonin from Jamieson Laboratories is synthesized to guarantee complete safety from Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), commonly known as mad-cow disease. Natural hormones, those which are not synthetic, are often derived from glandular extracts of cows. Thus, there can exist the danger of hormones being derived from glandular extracts of an infected animal. Synthesized Melatonin from Jamieson guarantees complete safety from BSE.

Jamieson Melatonin 10 mg provides dual action timed release support for people experiencing trouble falling and staying asleep. The first layer dissolves quickly to provide an immediate 5 mg dose of melatonin to help you fall asleep. The second layer allows a gradual release of 5 mg of melatonin over 4-6 hours to help keep you asleep for a full night’s rest.
Melatonin 10 mg Timed Release Dual Action is formulated from natural sources and is pharmaceutically tested to guarantee full potency and absolute clinical purity.

What makes Melatonin 10 mg Timed Release Dual Action from Jamieson Laboratories different…and why does this difference mean better?

1) Dual action support to help restore natural sleep patterns.
2) Bi-layer tablet delivers immediate dose of 5 mg melatonin and then gradually releases 5 mg of melatonin over a 4 – 6 hour period.
3) Vegetarian-friendly formula.
4) This product contains pharmaceutical grade melatonin, which is the exact chemical duplicate of natural melatonin. It therefore provides an equally effective, yet much safer, dose of active ingredient compared to melatonin derived from animal sources. This form also assures consumers complete safety from adverse health issues such as BSE.
5) Free of artificial flavours, colours or preservatives.
6) Our premium formulations are manufactured using the 360 Pure process - a minimum of 360 quality tests that guarantee traceability and reliability of raw material, product safety, full potency and absolute clinical purity.

**INGREDIENT INFORMATION**

Available as 60 caplets.
Each caplet contains:
Melatonin………………………………………10 mg

**EXCIPIENTS**

Cellulose, Dicalcium Phosphate, Water-Soluble Cellulose, Vegetable Stearic Acid, Vegetable Magnesium Stearate, Modified Cellulose Gum, Sodium Copper Chlorophyll, Silica, Hydroxypropylcellulose.

**DIRECTIONS**

**Adults** – Take 1 caplet daily at or before bedtime. For use beyond 4 weeks consult a health care practitioner.Store between 15°C-25°C, away from children.

**INDICATED BENEFITS**

- Helps to reduce the time it takes to fall asleep (sleep onset latency aspect of sleep quality) in people with delayed sleep phase syndrome
- Helps increase the total sleep time (aspect of sleep quality) in people suffering from sleep restriction or altered sleep schedule, e.g. shift work and jet lag
- Helps relieve the daytime fatigue associated with jet lag
- Helps re-set the body’s sleep-wake cycle (aspect of the circadian rhythm)

**NUTRIENT INTERACTIONS**

**Drug Interactions**
Antidepressant medications, antipsychotic medications, blood pressure medications, blood thinning medications, anticoagulants, steroids and immunosuppressant medications. Dietary supplements such as 5-HTP, kava kava, or valerian in combination with melatonin may increase its sedative side effects.9

**Nutrient Depletions**
Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), calcium channel blockers (nifedipine, verapamil, diltiazem, amlodipine, nimodipine, felodipine, nisoldipine, bepramil), beta-blockers may reduce melatonin production in the body, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), caffeine, tobacco, alcohol can all diminish levels of melatonin in the body.9

**WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**
Consult a health care practitioner prior to use if you have a hormonal disorder, diabetes, liver or kidney disease, cerebral palsy, seizure disorders, migraine, depression and/or hypertension or if you are taking blood pressure or sedative/hypnotic medications.If symptoms persist continuously for more than 4 weeks (chronic insomnia), consult your health care practitioner. Do not drive or use machinery for 5 hours after taking melatonin. Do not use if you are pregnant or breastfeeding. Do not use if you are taking immunosuppressive drugs.

**TOXICITY, ADVERSE REACTIONS, SIDE EFFECTS**

None known when taken as directed.
REFERENCES


For Accidental Overdose (such as child ingesting formula)
Dial 911, 0 for operator assistance or call your nearest Poison Control Centre.

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