Losartan Potassium 25mg, 50mg and 100mg Film-coated Tablets

1. What Losartan potassium Film-coated Tablets are and what they are used for

Losartan Potassium Film-coated Tablets are used to treat patients with chronic heart failure when therapy with specific medicines to protect the kidney in hypertensive type 2 diabetic patients with laboratory evidence of kidney function in patients with high blood pressure and type 2 diabetes.

Losartan Potassium Tablets are used:
• to treat patients with high blood pressure (hypertension) in adults and in children
• to treat patients with chronic heart failure when therapy with specific medicines to protect the kidney in hypertensive type 2 diabetic patients with laboratory evidence of kidney function in patients with high blood pressure and type 2 diabetes.

2. What you need to know before you take Losartan Potassium Film-coated Tablets

The following medicines have been shown to decrease the risk of stroke ("LIFE indication").

If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

• It contains important information for you.

3. How to take Losartan Potassium Film-coated Tablets

The tablets can be taken with or without food.

4. Possible side effects

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5. How to store Losartan Potassium Film-coated Tablets

Losartan Potassium film-coated tablets is not recommended for use in children under 6 years of age.

Adverse effects are usually mild and include:
• nausea
• heartburn
• headache
• diarrhea

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6. Further information

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7. What other medicines and Losartan potassium Film-coated Tablets

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8. Possible side effects

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Treatment usually starts with 25 mg losartan (half a tablet) once a day. The dose may be increased to 50 mg (one tablet) once daily for the first 2 weeks, 75 mg daily during the third and fourth weeks, and 100 mg daily during the fifth week. Losartan may be used up to a maximum daily dose of 150 mg. The tablets should be swallowed whole with a glass of water. If you forget to take Losartan potassium Film-coated Tablets take the missed dose as soon as you remember up to 2 hours after your normal dose. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose. If you have any further questions on the use of this product, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

**Possible side effects**

Like all medicines, Losartan potassium Film-coated Tablets can cause side effects although not everyone gets them.

If you get any side effects, tell your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any side effect not listed in this leaflet. You may need urgent medical attention or hospitalisation.

**Teratogenic effect**

In animal experiments, losartan caused malformations of the embryonic mouse heart. It is not known whether human pregnancy is associated with any adverse effects on the fetus. If you think you may be pregnant or if you are planning to become pregnant, you should read the leaflet on the systemic angiotensin II receptor antagonists and discuss the risks and benefits of taking Losartan potassium with your doctor.

**Reporting of side effects**

This leaflet was last revised in November 2014.

To request a copy of this leaflet in braille, large print or audio format, please contact info@bristol-labs.co.uk.

**What Losartan potassium looks like and contents of the pack**

Losartan potassium 100 mg Film-coated Tablets is white to off white, oval shaped, biconvex, film coated tablet embossed with “100” on one side and “BL” on the other side.

Losartan potassium 50 mg Film-coated Tablet is white to off white, oval shaped, biconvex, film coated tablet embossed with “50” on one side and “BL” on the other side.

Losartan potassium 25mg Film-coated Tablet is white to off white, oval shaped, biconvex, film coated tablet embossed with “25” on one side and “BL” on the other side.

The tablets are packed in packs of 28, 56 and 84 tablets.

**6. Contents of the pack and other information**

Each Losartan potassium 100 mg Film-coated tablet contains 100 mg of losartan potassium.

Each Losartan potassium 50 mg Film-coated tablet contains 50 mg of losartan potassium.

Each Losartan potassium 25mg Film-coated Tablet contains 25 mg of losartan potassium.

Each Losartan potassium 150 mg Film-coated Tablet contains 150 mg of losartan potassium.

This leaflet contains non-medicinal substances that are white, anhydrous colloidal silica, gelatin emulsion, potassium hydroxide, sodium, magneisum stearate, hydrogenated animal fat, sodium laureate, and carboxymethyl cellulose.

The tablets should be swallowed whole with water. If you get any side effects, take to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any side effect not listed in this leaflet. You may need urgent medical attention or hospitalisation.

**Discontinuation of treatment**

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