Lomustine 40 mg capsules

1. What Lomustine is and what it is used for
This medicine contains the active ingredient lomustine.
Lomustine belongs to a group of medicines called antineoplastic or cytotoxic agents. These medicines affect growth and proliferation of cancer cells.
Lomustine capsules are used to treat tumours and other malignant growths or diseases, for example, cancer of the lung or skin.

2. What you need to know before you take Lomustine
Discontinue lomustine therapy if you have ever had a vaccination against yellow fever or another live vaccine vaccination and suffer from the toxic effects of lomustine.
If you have severe kidney problems.
You might be allergic to lomustine or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).
If you have been given another medicine before, this could cause a side effect.
You have had a severe reaction to lomustine.
You have sudden changes in vision.
You have had a previous reaction to a different medicine.
You have severe kidney problems.
You have had a seizure, for example, because of epilepsy.
You have severe lung disease.
You have liver problems.
You have had a vaccination against yellow fever or another live vaccine vaccination and suffer from the toxic effects of lomustine.
You have a blood disorder.
You have had any of the following medicines:
• tuberculostatic medicine
• antiepileptic medicine.

3. How to take Lomustine
If you are having any side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

4. Possible side effects
Lomustine might impair the function of your liver and additionally increase the risk of bleeding and infections. This effect might occur up to 6 weeks after your treatment before the end of 6 weeks.
Lomustine does not have any side effects.
Lomustine might cause an increased risk of blood-building system are cumulative your doctor might decide to adjust the dosage of your therapy.
Tell your doctor if you have any side effects.
Before you start with lomustine, your doctor will check the function of your liver and additionally check the function of your blood-building system.

5. How to store Lomustine
This medicine also contains lactose. Patients who are lactose-intolerant should only take this medicine under medical supervision.
Lomustine contains lactose and wheat starch. If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicine.
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6. Contents of the pack and other information
There are no special studies performed, but tell your doctor if you are taking any of the following medicines:
• other chemotherapeutic medicines, because other chemotherapeutic medicines and lomustine have been reported to be possibly associated with the development of secondary cancers.

7. Warnings and precautions
Your doctor will check your blood weekly during your therapy and up to 6 weeks afterwards.
• Tell your doctor if you have any liver problems.
• As the toxic effects of lomustine to your blood-building system are cumulative your doctor might decide to adjust the dosage of your therapy.
Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, or have recently taken, or are planning to take any other medicines.

8. Pregnancy, breastfeeding and fertility
Men who are treated with lomustine should not father a child during their therapy and up to 6 months afterwards. As lomustine may affect your fertility, ask your doctor to inform you about possible precautions like sperm conservation before you start with the treatment.

Driving and using machines
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Fertility
This medicine also contains lactose. Patients with allergy or wheal disease should ask their doctor for advice before taking this medicine.

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How to take Lomustine
Care must be taken whenever handling anticancer products. Caution! Do not break open the capsules. If you accidentally get the powder on your skin or in your mouth, wash it off with plenty of water. Wash your hands with soap and water after handling this product.

Always take this medicine exactly as your doctor has prescribed for you. Do not change your dose unless your doctor tells you. This medicine should be taken regularly.

Lomustine capsules are taken by mouth. Swallow the capsules whole, do not chew or break them.

Use in children
Lomustine for children as prescribed by the doctor. The dose you take may be reduced if you are taking other medicines to treat your condition or if you have a blood disorder.

Use in adults
Lomustine is usually taken once every 6 to 8 weeks. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you have had an intolerance to lomustine in the past.

Use in elderly
Your doctor will decide the exact dose to give you. Always take this medicine exactly as your doctor prescribes it. Do not change your dose unless your doctor tells you.

Dose

- The active substance is lomustine. Each capsule contains 40 mg lomustine.
- The capsules are blue hard capsules.
- There are 20 capsules in each pack.
- Lomustine capsules are packed in a plastic box. The pack size is stated on the carton. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children. 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. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

Reporting of side effects
If you or any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. 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. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Lomustine
Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children. Do not store above 25 °C. Store in an airtight container in order to protect from light and moisture.

6. Contents of the pack and other information
- The active substance is lomustine. Each capsule contains 40 mg lomustine.
- The other ingredients are lactose, wheat starch, talc and magnesium stearate.
- The capsules is made of gelatine and the colouring agents titanium dioxide (E171) and indigotine (E132).
- What Lomustine looks like and contents of the pack
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