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**5. How to store Efexor XL**

Keep out of the sight and reach of children. Do not store above 25°C. Store in a dry place.

Do not take the capsules after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and blister labels after 'Exp'. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month. If the capsule becomes discoloured or shows any signs of deterioration, seek the advice of your pharmacist.

**MEMBER** this medicine is only for you. Only a doctor can prescribe it for you. Never give it to others. It may harm them even if their symptoms are the same as yours.

Remember if your doctor tells you to stop taking this medicine, return any unused capsules to your pharmacist for safe disposal. Only keep this medicine if your doctor tells you to.

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

**What Efexor XL contains**

The active ingredient in the Efexor XL is venlafaxine hydrochloride. Each capsule contains 75mg venlafaxine (as the hydrochloride) in a modified release formulation. The other ingredients are microcrystalline cellulose, ethylcellulose, hypromellose, gelatin, red and yellow iron oxides (E172), titanium dioxide (E171) and printing ink.

**What Efexor XL looks like and the contents of the pack**

Efexor XL 150mg capsules come in blister packs of 14 capsules.

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