

LORATIDINE 10MG

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WHAT THIS MEDICINE IS FOR

Loratidine belongs to a group of drugs called antihistamines. These medicines help to relieve the symptoms of some allergies.

This medicine is used to relieve:

- symptoms of hayfever and other allergies such as sneezing, runny nose and burning, itchy eyes.
- symptoms of skin allergies such as rash, itching or urticaria (hives).

BEFORE YOU TAKE THE MEDICINE

This medicine can be taken by adults, and children aged 2 years and over **provided they weigh over 30 kg**. Some people should not take this medicine or should talk to their pharmacist or doctor first.

Do not take if you:

- Are allergic (hypersensitive) to loratidine or any of the other ingredients in the medicine, listed in section 6.

Talk to your pharmacist or doctor before taking if you:

- Have liver problems. You may need to take a lower dose.

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

- **Do not take** if you are pregnant or breast-feeding.

Other important information

- Tests have shown that this medicine does not cause drowsiness in the vast majority of people using it. Therefore it will not normally affect your ability to drive or operate machinery. However there may be very rare exceptions and if you experience dizziness, nausea or drowsiness, do not drive or operate machinery.
- This product contains lactose. If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicine.
- If you are going to have skin tests to identify

allergies, stop taking this medicine 48 hours before the tests.

Taking other medicines

- Not expected to interact with other medicines you may be taking. However if you are unsure talk to your pharmacist or doctor.

HOW TO TAKE THE MEDICINE

If symptoms worsen or do not improve, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

If you take too many tablets: Talk to a doctor straight away, or contact your nearest hospital casualty department. Take the carton and this leaflet with you.

If you forget to take a dose of Loratidine Take the recommended dose as soon as you remember; wait at least 24 hours before taking another tablet. Do not take a double dose to make up for the missed doses.

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Serious side effects

Stop taking the tablets and tell your doctor or go to a casualty department immediately if:

- you get any swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat
- you have any difficulty in swallowing or breathing
- you get a skin rash after taking the tablets.

The above symptoms may mean you are having a very rare, serious allergic reaction to this medicine.

Other possible side effects

If any of the following side effects get serious or concerns you, or you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, stop taking the tablets and tell your doctor or pharmacist.

- Headache, nervousness and tiredness in children aged 2 - 12 years.
- Drowsiness, headache, increased appetite and difficulty sleeping in adults and children over 12.
- Very rare side effects are severe allergic reactions (difficulty in breathing, wheezing, itching, hives and swelling), dizziness, rapid heartbeat, palpitations, feeling sick (nausea), dry mouth, upset stomach, changes in liver function, rash, hair loss and tiredness.

STORING THE MEDICINE

Do not use after the expiry date shown on the pack. This product does not require any special storage conditions.

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

FURTHER INFORMATION

What is in this medicine:

The active ingredient is: Loratadine, 10 mg per tablet.