

Package leaflet: Information for the patient

**Amitriptyline 10mg Film-Coated Tablets Amitriptyline 25mg Film-Coated Tablets Amitriptyline 50mg Film-Coated Tablets** 

amitriptyline hydrochloride

The name of your medicine will be referred to as

'Amitriptyline Tablets' throughout this leaflet.

#### Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again. If you have any further questions, ask your doctor, phar-
- macist or nurse. This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

#### What is in this leaflet

- What Amitriptyline Tablets are and what they are used for What you need to know before you take Amitriptyline **Tablets**
- How to take Amitriptyline Tablets
- Possible side effects
- How to store Amitriptyline Tablets
- Contents of the pack and other information

### 1. What Amitriptyline Tablets are and what they are

Amitriptyline belongs to a group of medicines known as tricyclic antidepressants.

This medicine is used to treat:

- Depression in adults (major depressive episodes)
- Neuropathic pain in adults
- Chronic tension type headache prophylaxis in adults Migraine prophylaxis in adults
- Bed-wetting at night in children aged 6 years and above, only when organic causes, such as spina bifida and related disorders, have been excluded and no response has been achieved to all other non-drug and drug treatments, including muscle relaxants and desmopressin. This medicine should only be prescribed by doctors with expertise in treating patients with persistent bed-wetting.

# 2. What you need to know before you take Amitriptyline

#### Do not take Amitriptyline Tablets and tell your doctor:

- if you are allergic to amitriptyline or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6)
- if you recently have had a heart attack (myocardial infarction)
- if you have heart problems such as disturbances in heart rhythm which are seen on an electrocardiogram (ECG),
- heart block, or coronary artery disease if you are taking medicines known as monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs)
- if you have taken MAOIs within the last 14 days
- if you have taken moclobemide the day before
- if you have a severe liver disease

If you are treated with Amitriptyline Tablets, you have to stop taking this medicine and wait for 14 days before you start treatment with a MAOI.

This medicine should not be used for children below 6 years of age.

### Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist or nurse before taking Amitriptyline Tablets if you have:

- Used Buprenorphine together with Amitriptyline tablets can lead to serotonin syndrome, a potentially life-threatening condition (see "Other medicines and Amitriptyline Tablets)
- Heart rhythm disorders and hypotension may occur if you receive a high dosage of amitriptyline. This might also occur in usual doses if you have pre-existing heart disease. Prolonged QT interval

A heart problem called "prolonged OT interval" (which is shown on your electrocardiogram, ECG) and heart rhythm disorders (rapid or irregular heart beat) have been reported with Amitriptyline Tablets.

Tell your doctor if you:

- have slow heart rate,
- have or had a problem where your heart cannot pump the blood round your body as well as it should (a condition called heart failure),
- are taking any other medication that may cause heart problems, or
- have a problem that gives you a low level of potassium or magnesium, or a high level of potassium in your
- have a surgery planned as it might be necessary to stop the treatment with amitriptyline before you are given anaesthetics. In the case of acute surgery, the anaesthetist should be informed about the treatment of amitriptyline,
- have an over active thyroid gland or receive thyroid

Thoughts of suicide and worsening of your depression If you are depressed, you can sometimes have thoughts of harming or killing themselves. These may be increased when first starting antidepressants, since these medicines all take time to work, usually about two weeks but sometimes longer. You may be more likely to think like this:

If you have previously had thoughts about killing or harming yourself. If you are a young adult. Information from clinical trials

has shown an increased risk of suicidal behaviour in young adults (less than 25 years old) with psychiatric conditions who were treated with an antidepressant. If you have thoughts of harming or killing yourself at any

time, contact your doctor or go to a hospital straight away. You may find it helpful to tell a relative or close friend that you are depressed and ask them to read this leaflet. You might ask them to tell you if they think your depression or anxiety is getting worse, or if they are worried about changes in your behaviour.

## Episodes of mania

Some patients with manic-depressive illness may enter into a manic phase. This is characterized by profuse and rapidly changing ideas, exaggerated gaiety and excessive physical activity. In such cases, it is important to contact your doctor who probably will change your medication.

Tell your doctor if you have, or have had in the past, any medical problems, especially if you have

- narrow angle glaucoma (loss of vision due to abnormally high pressure in the eye)
- epilepsy, a history of convulsions or fits difficulty in passing urine
- enlarged prostate thyroid disease
- bipolar disorder
- schizophrenia severe liver disease
- severe heart disease
- pylorus stenosis (narrowing of the gastric outlet) and paralytic ileus (blocked intestine) diabetes as you might need an adjustment of your antidi-
- abetic medicine If you use antidepressants such as SSRIs, your doctor might

consider changing the dose of your medicine (see also section 2 and section 3).

Elderly are more likely to suffer from certain side effects, such as dizziness when you stand up due to low blood pressure (see also section 4).

## Children and adolescents

Depression, neuropathic pain, chronic tension type headache and migraine prophylaxis Do not give this medicine to children and adolescents aged

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below 18 years for these treatments as safety and efficacy have not been established in this age group.

Bed-wetting at night

An ECG should be performed prior to initiating therapy with amitriptyline to exclude long QT syndrome.

This medicine should not be taken at the same time as an anticholinergic drug (see also section 2). Suicidal thoughts and behaviours may also develop

during early treatment with antidepressants for disorders other than depression; the same precautions observed when treating patients with depression should therefore be followed when treating patients with enuresis.

#### Other medicines and Amitriptyline Tablets Some medicines may affect the action of other medicines and this can sometimes cause serious side effects.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, such as:

valproic acid

- monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs) e.g. phenelzine, iproniazid, isocarboxazid, nialamide or tranylcypromine (used to treat depression) or selegiline (used to treat Parkinson's disease). These should not be taken at the same time as Amitriptyline Tablets (see section 2) adrenaline, ephedrine, isoprenaline, noradrenaline,
- phenylephrine and phenylpropanolamine (these may be present in cough or cold medicine, and in some anaesthetics)
- medicine to treat high blood pressure for example calcium-channel blockers (e.g. diltiazem and verapamil),
- guanethidine, betanidine, clonidine reserpine and methyldopa Anticholinergic drugs such as certain medicines to treat Parkinson's disease and gastrointestinal disorders (e.g. atropine, hyoscyamine)
- thioridazine (used to treat schizophrenia)
- tramadol (painkillers)
- medicines to treat fungal infections (e.g. fluconazole,
- terbinafine, ketoconazole, and itraconazole) sedatives (e.g. barbiturates)
- antidepressants (e.g. SSRIs (fluoxetine, duloxetine, paroxetine, fluvoxamine), and bupropion)
- medicines for certain heart conditions (e.g. beta blockers and antiarrhythmics)
- cimetidine (used to treat stomach ulcers)
- methylphenidate (used to treat ADHD)
- ritonavir (used to treat HIV)
- oral contraceptives
- rifampicin (to treat infections) phenytoin and carbamazepine (used to treat epilepsy)
- dv used for depression thyroid medication

St. John's Wort (hypericum perforatum) – a herbal reme-

You should also tell your doctor if you take or have recently taken medicine that may affect the heart's rhythm. e.g.:

- medicines to treat irregular heartbeats (e.g. quinidine and
- sotalol) astemizole and terfenadine (used to treat allergies and hav fever)
- medicines used to treat some mental illnesses (e.g.
- pimozide and sertindole) cisapride (used to treat certain types of indigestion)
- halofantrine (used to treat malaria)
- methadone (used to treat pain and for detoxification)

diuretics ("water tablets" e.g. furosemide)

Some medicines may increase the side effects of Amitriptyline Tablets and may sometimes cause very serious reactions. Do not take any other medicines whilst taking Amitriptyline Tablets without first talking to your doctor, especially:

- buprenorphine/opiods - These medicines may interact with Amitriptyline Tablets and you may experience symptoms such as involuntary, rhythmic contractions of muscles, including the muscles that control movement of the eye, agitation, hallucinations, coma, excessive sweating, tremor, exaggeration of reflexes, increased muscle tension, body temperature above 38°C. Contact your doctor when experiencing such symptoms.

If you are going to have an operation and receive general or local anaesthetics, you should tell your doctor that you are taking this medicine.

Likewise, you should tell your dentist that you take this medicine if you are to receive a local anaesthetic.

### Amitriptyline Tablets with alcohol

It is not advised to drink alcohol during treatment with this medicine as it might increase the sedative effect.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor for

advice before taking this medicine. Amitriptyline is not recommended during pregnancy unless your doctor considers it clearly necessary and only after careful consideration of the benefit and risk. If you have taken this medicine during the last part of the pregnancy, the new-born may have withdrawal symptoms such as irritability, increased muscle tension, tremor, irregular breathing, poor drinking, loud crying, urinary retention, and constipation.

Your doctor will advise you whether to start/continue/ stop breast-feeding or stop using this medicine taking into account the benefit of breast-feeding for your child and the benefit of therapy for you.

## Driving and using machines

This medicine may cause drowsiness and dizziness, especially in the beginning of the treatment. Do not drive or work with tools or machinery if you are affected.

**Amitriptyline tablets contains Lactose** If you have been told by your doctor that you have an

#### intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicinal product.

Information on sodium content

This medicine contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per tablet, i.e. is essentially 'sodium-free'.

#### 3. How to take Amitriptyline Tablets Always take this medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.

Check with your doctor if you are not sure. Not all dosage schemes can be achieved with all the pharmaceutical forms/ strengths. The appropriate formulation/strength should be selected for the starting doses and any subsequent dose

## **Depression**

Adults

The recommended initial dose is 25 mg two times daily. Depending on the response to the medicine, your doctor may gradually increase the dose to 150 mg per day divided in two doses. Elderly (above 65 years of age) and patients with cardiovascular disease

The recommended initial dose is 10 mg – 25 mg daily. Depending on your response to the medicine, your doctor may gradually increase the dose to a total daily dose of 100 mg divided in two doses. If you receive doses in the range of 100 mg - 150 mg, your doctor may need to do more frequent follow-up with you.

Use in children and adolescents This medicine should not be given to children or adolescents

for treatment of depression. For further information please Neuropathic pain, chronic tension type headache and

migraine prophylaxis Your doctor will adjust the medication according to your

symptoms and your response to the treatment. Adults The recommended initial dose is 10 mg - 25 mg in the evening.

The recommended daily dose is 25 mg - 75 mg. Depending on your response to the medicine, your doctor may gradually increase the dose. If you receive doses above 100 mg daily, your doctor may need to do more frequent follow-up with you. Your doctor will instruct you whether to take the doses once daily or divide into two doses.

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Elderly (above 65 years of age) and patients with cardiovascular disease

The recommended initial dose is 10 mg - 25 mg in the evening.

Depending on your response to the medicine, your doctor may gradually increase the dose. If you receive doses above 75 mg daily, your doctor may need to do more frequent follow-up with you.

Use in children and adolescents

This medicine should not be given to children or adolescents for treatments of neuropathic pain, chronic tension type headache prophylaxis and migraine prophylaxis. For further information please see section 2.

#### Bed-wetting at night

Use in children and adolescents

The recommended doses for children:

- aged below 6 years: see section 2 aged 6 to 10 years: 10 mg – 20 mg daily. A suitable
- dosage form should be used for this age group. aged 11 years and above: 25 mg – 50 mg.

The dose should be increased gradually.

Take this medicine  $1-1\frac{1}{2}$  hours before bedtime. Before starting treatment, your doctor will conduct an ECG of your heart to check for sign of unusual heartbeat.

Your doctor will re-evaluate your treatment after 3 months and if needed perform a new ECG. Do not stop the treatment without consulting your doctor first.

#### Patients with special risks

Patients with liver diseases or people known as "poor metabolisers" usually receive lower doses. Your doctor may take blood samples to determine the level of amitriptyline in the blood (see also section 2).

#### How and when to take Amitriptyline Tablets

This medicine can be taken with or without food. Swallow the tablets with a drink of water. Do not chew them.

### **Duration of treatment**

Do not change the dose of the medicine or stop taking the medicine without consulting your doctor first.

As with other medicines for the treatment of depression it may take a few weeks before you feel any improvement. In treating depression, the duration of treatment is individual, and is usually at least 6 months. The duration of treatment is decided by your doctor. Continue to take this medicine for as long as your doctor recommends. The underlying illness may persist for a long time. If you stop your treatment too soon, your symptoms may return.

#### Neuropathic pain, chronic tension type headache and migraine prophylaxis

It might take a few weeks before you feel any improvement of your pain.

Talk to your doctor about the duration of your treatment and continue to take this medicine for as long as your doctor recommends

#### Bed-wetting at night

Your doctor will evaluate if the treatment should be continued after 3 months.

If you take more Amitriptyline Tablets than you should Contact your doctor or nearest hospital casualty department immediately. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. Take the container of this medicine with you if you go to a doctor or hospital.

Symptoms of overdose include:

- dilated pupils
- fast or irregular heartbeats difficulties passing water
- dry mouth and tongue
- intestinal blockage
- fever
- agitation
- confusion hallucinations
- uncontrolled movements
- low blood pressure, weak pulse, pallor difficulty breathing
- blue discolouration of the skin
- decreased heart rate
- drowsiness
- loss of consciousness
- coma
- various cardiac symptoms such as heart block, heart failure, hypotension, cardiogenic shock, metabolic acidosis, hypokalaemia.

Overdose with Amitriptyline Tablets in children could have serious consequences. Children are especially susceptible to coma, cardiac symptoms, difficulty in breathing, seizures, low blood sodium level, lethargy, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting and high blood sugar level.

#### If you forget to take Amitriptyline Tablets Take the next dose at the usual time. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

If you stop taking Amitriptyline Tablets Your doctor will decide when and how to stop your

treatment to avoid any unpleasant symptoms that might occur if it is stopped abruptly (e.g. headache, feeling unwell, sleeplessness and irritability). If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine,

ask your doctor or pharmacist.

## 4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. If you get any of the following symptoms you should see

#### your doctor immediately: Attacks of intermittent blurring of vision, rainbow

- vision, and eye pain. You should immediately have an eye examination before
  - the treatment with this medicine can be continued. This condition may be signs of acute glaucoma. Very rare side effect may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people. A heart problem called "prolonged QT interval" (which
- is shown on your electrocardiogram, ECG). Common side effect may affect up to 1 in 10 people. Bad constipation, a swollen stomach, fever and vomiting.
- These symptoms may be due to parts of the intestine becoming paralysed. Rare side effect may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people. Any yellowing of the skin and the white in the eyes
- Your liver may be affected. Rare side effect may affect
- up to 1 in 1,000 people. Bruising, bleeding, pallor or persistent sore throat and fever.
- These symptoms can be the first signs that your blood or bone marrow may be affected. Effects on the blood could be a decrease in the number of

red cells (which carry oxygen around the body), white cells (which help to fight infection) and platelets (which help with clotting). Rare side effect may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people. Suicidal thoughts or behaviour. Rare side effect may

affect up to 1 in 1,000 people.

Side effects listed below have been reported in the following frequencies:

Very common: may affect more than 1 in 10 people sleepiness/drowsiness

shakiness of hands or other body parts

- dizziness
- headache
- irregular, hard, or rapid heartbeat dizziness when you stand up due to low blood pressure (orthostatic hypotension)
- dry mouth constipation
- nausea excessive sweating
- weight gain slurred or slow speech aggression
- congested nose.

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- Common: may affect up to 1 in 10 people confusion
- sexual disturbances (decreased sex-drive, problems with erection)
- disturbance in attention
- changes in taste
- numbness or tingling in the arms or legs
- disturbed coordination
- dilated pupils heart block
  - fatigue low sodium concentration in the blood
- agitation
- urination disorders
- **Uncommon:** may affect up to 1 in 100 people
- feeling thirsty
- excitement, anxiety, difficulties sleeping, nightmares convulsions
- tinnitus increased blood pressure
- diarrhoea, vomiting skin rash, nettle rash (urticarial), swelling of the face and tongue
- difficulties passing urine
- increased production of breast milk or breast milk out-
- flow without breast feeding
- increased pressure in the eye ball
- collapse conditions
- worsening of cardiac failure liver function impairment (e.g. cholestatic liver disease).
- Rare: may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people
- decreased appetite
- delirium (especially in elderly patients), hallucinations
- abnormality in the heart's rhythm, or heartbeat pattern swelling of the salivary glands
- hair loss
- increased sensitivity to sunlight
- breast enlargement in men
- fever
- weight loss
- abnormal results of liver function tests.

#### Very rare: may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people heart muscle disease

- feeling of inner restlessness and a compelling need to be in constant motion
- disorder of the peripheral nerves
- acute increase of pressure in the eye
- particular forms of abnormal heart rhythm (so called torsades de pointes) allergic inflammation of the lung alveoli and of the lung
- tissue Not known: frequency cannot be estimated from the
- available data absent sensation of appetite
- elevation or lowering of blood sugar levels
- movement disorders (involuntary movements or decreased movements)
- hypersensitivity inflammation of heart muscle
- hepatitis

month.

- hot flush dry eves
- An increased risk of bone fractures has been observed in

### patients taking this type of medicines.

Reporting of side effects If you get 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 Website: www.mhra.gov.uk/ yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

**5.** How to store Amitriptyline Tablets Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children. Do not use this medicine after the expiry date stated on the label after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that

This medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help

#### protect the environment. 6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Amitriptyline Tablets contains The active substance is amitriptyline hydrochloride.

#### **Amitriptyline 10 mg Tablets** Each film-coated tablet contains Amitriptyline hydrochloride 10 mg.

The other ingredients are: lactose monohydrate, micro crystalline cellulose, corn maize starch, croscarmellose sodium, colloidal silicon dioxide, talc, magnesium stearate, Opadry blue (85F99075), hypromellose, macrogol 6000, purified water.

Composition of Opadry Blue (85F99075): polyvinyl alcoholpart hydrolysed, titanium dioxide (E171), macrogol, talc,

## FD&C Blue (E133).

#### **Amitriptyline 25 mg Tablets** Each film-coated tablet contains Amitriptyline hydro-

chloride 25 mg. The other ingredients are: lactose monohydrate, micro crystalline cellulose, corn maize starch, croscarmellose sodium, colloidal silicon dioxide, talc, magnesium stearate, Opadry II yellow (85F92349), hypromellose, macrogol

6000, purified water. Composition of Opadry II yellow (85F92349): polyvinyl alcohol-part hydrolysed, titanium dioxide (E171), macrogol,

## talc, iron oxide yellow (E172).

## **Amitriptyline 50 mg Tablets**

Each film-coated tablet contains Amitriptyline hydrochloride 50 mg. The other ingredients are: lactose monohydrate, micro crystalline cellulose, corn maize starch, croscarmellose sodium, colloidal silicon dioxide, talc, magnesium stearate, Opadry II brown (85F565015), hypromellose, macrogol

Composition of Opadry II brown (85F565015): polyvinyl alcohol-part hydrolysed, titanium dioxide (E171), macrogol, talc, iron oxide yellow (E172), iron oxide red (E172).

## What Amitriptyline Tablets looks like and contents of the

6000, purified water.

**Amitriptyline 10 mg Tablets** Round blue colored biconvex tablets debossed 1 on one side

and plain on other side. Blister pack: Packed in blisters of PVC/PVDC/Alu in 20's, 24's, 28's, 30's, 56's, 60's, 84's, 90's, 98's, 100's, 112's, 120's, 168's, 180's, 250's size packs.

## **Amitriptyline 25 mg Tablets**

Amitriptyline 50 mg Tablets

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Round yellow colored biconvex tablets plain on both sides. Blister pack: Packed in blisters of PVC/PVDC/Alu in 20's, 24's, 28s, 30's, 56's, 60's, 84's, 90's, 98's, 100's, 112's, 120's, 168's, 180's, 250's size packs.

Round brown colored biconvex tablets plain on both sides. Blister pack: Packed in blisters of PVC/PVDC/Alu in 20's,

#### 24's, 28's, 30's, 56's, 60's, 84's, 90's, 98's, 100's, 112's, 120's, 168's, 180's, 250's size packs.

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