Duloxetine 60 mg gastro-resistant capsules

Package leaflet: Information for the patient

1. What Duloxetine is and what it is used for

This medicine contains the active substance duloxetine. Duloxetine is prescribed to help treat conditions such as urinary incontinence and the symptoms of depression.

Duloxetine is in a class of medicines called serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs). These medicines affect chemicals in the brain and work by increasing the activity of certain chemicals (serotonin and norepinephrine) in the brain. Duloxetine may cause a sensation of nervousness or an inability to concentrate, so you should not drive or operate machines whilst taking this medicine.

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2. What you need to know before you take Duloxetine

Before starting this medicine, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

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

• If you get any side effects, tell your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

• Duloxetine is not recommended for use in children and adolescents under the age of 18 years. There is no experience of using properties (such as efficacy and safety) in this age group, and there might be some symptoms when it is born. These usually begin during the first 24 hours after the baby is born. If you think your depression or anxiety is getting worse, or if they are worried about changes in your mood or behaviour, you should return to your doctor.

• Duloxetine may be taken with or without food. Care should be taken when increasing the dose or when it is stopped suddenly as this may increase the risk of bleeding.

• Duloxetine may interact with other medicines, including duloxetine-containing products. Duloxetine may increase the risk of bleeding. See section 4. Other medicines and Duloxetine

• Duloxetine, including those medicines that stop platelets from sticking or thinning the blood or prevent the blood from clotting. These medicines may also cause serious or even life-threatening side effects. You must tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are already taking other medicines containing duloxetine.

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Always take this medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Follow any additional instructions on the medicine container or package.

If you take too much Duloxetine

It is unlikely that you will take too much Duloxetine on purpose, but your doctor will prescribe the dose that is right for you.

For overdose and suicidal attempts

Call your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you take more Duloxetine than you should.

Possible side effects

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