1. What amiodarone tablets are and what they are used for

Amiodarone hydrochloride 100mg or 200mg Tablets

Amiodarone hydrochloride is a medicine called amiodarone hydrochloride. It works by controlling the uneven beating of your heart (called ‘arrhythmias’). Taking the tablets helps to control it to normal rate.

Amiodarone tablets can be used to:
- Treat fast heartbeats which may happen suddenly
- Treat other types of fast or uneven heartbeats
- Treat an illness called Wolff-Parkinson-White

Amiodarone tablets can be used to:
- Treat fast heartbeats which other medicines either have not worked or cannot be used.
- Treat ill effects called Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome. This is where your heart beats too fast or too slow.
- Treat other types of fast or uneven heartbeats (for example, flutter or fibrillation). Amiodarone tablets are used only when other medicines cannot be used.

2. Before you take amiodarone tablets

You have ever had thyroid problems. Your doctor should test your thyroid before giving you this medicine.

You have any other problems with your heartbeat or rhythm. Amiodarone tablets are used only when other medicines cannot be used.

3. How to take amiodarone tablets

In this leaflet:

• If any of the side effects gets serious, or if you
• Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again

INFORMATION FOR THE USER

PACKAGE LEAFLET:

• near-fainting or fainting.
• palpitations;
• chest pain;
• shortness of breath or worsening of existing asthma

Turn
Over

Other medicines may affect the increase of getting your side effects, when taken with amiodarone tablets:

• Levofloxacin

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4. Possible side effects

You are allergic (hypersensitive) to:

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• Amphotericin B

You have a slower than usual heartbeat (called ‘bradycardia’).

You are elderly (over 65 years of age). The doctor may need to lower your dose of amiodarone tablets.

You are taking certain other medicines which

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You have had a pacemaker fitted

In some cases, your doctor may then decide to

• The dose will then be lowered to 200mg
• The usual starting dose is 200mg (one 200mg or

Taking amiodarone tablets with food and drink

• Amiodarone tablets can interact with other medicines.

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6. Further information

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If you feel the effect of your medicine is too weak

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Side effects may happen during treatment with amiodarone tablets. However, not everybody gets side effects.

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Stop taking amiodarone tablets and see a doctor straight away if:

• You get loss of eyesight in one eye or your eyesight becomes blurred. This could be a sign of a condition called ‘retinopathy’.
• You have inflammation of the skin characterised by fluid filled blisters (bullous dermatitis)
• You have blistering or peeling of the skin around your mouth

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• Skin rash
• Skin redness during radio-therapy
• Movements that you cannot control, mainly of the arms (affects less than 1 in 10 people)
• Feeling less hungry
• Difficulty in getting or maintaining an erection or infertility (affects less than 1 in 100 people)

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• Very dangerous and can happen at any time after starting treatment

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