Telmisartan Actavis 80 mg tablets

Telmisartan offers a new treatment option to patients who have high blood pressure (high blood pressure (hypertension)).

Telmisartan belongs to a class of medicines known as angiotensin II receptor antagonists. Angiotensin II is a substance produced in your body which causes your blood vessels to narrow, thus increasing your blood pressure.

Telmisartan blocks the effect of angiotensin so that the blood vessels relax, and your blood pressure is lowered.

Telmisartan tablets are used to treat essential hypertension (high blood pressure) in adults.

Essential means that the high blood pressure is not caused by any other condition.

High blood pressure, if not treated, can damage blood vessels in several organs which could lead eventually to heart attack, heart or kidney failure, strokes or blindness. There are usually no symptoms of high blood pressure until these conditions have already occurred. Thus it is very important to regularly measure blood pressure to verify if it is within the normal range.

Telmisartan is also used to reduce cardiovascular events (e.g. heart attack or stroke) in adults who are at risk because they have a reduced or blocked blood supply to the heart or legs, or have had a stroke or have high risk diabetes. Your doctor can tell you if you are at high risk for such events.

If you have diabetes or impaired kidney function and you are taking blood pressure-lowering medicines containing aliskiren.

If you are more than 3 months pregnant. (It is also better to avoid Telmisartan in early pregnancy – see pregnancy section).

Telmisartan may increase the blood pressure lowering effect of other medicines used to treat high blood pressure or of medicines with blood pressure lowering potential (e.g. isosorbide, nitrate).

Furthermore, low blood pressure may be aggravated by alcohol, barbiturates, barbiturates or tricyclic antidepressants. You may notice this as dizziness when standing up. You should consult with your doctor if you need to adjust the dose of your other medicine while taking Telmisartan.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Pregnancy

You must tell your doctor if you think you are or might be pregnant. Your doctor will normally advise you to stop taking Telmisartan Actavis before you become pregnant or as soon as you know you are pregnant and will advise you to take another medicine instead of Telmisartan. Telmisartan is not recommended in early pregnancy, and must not be taken when more than 3 months pregnant, as it may cause serious harm to your baby if used after the third month of pregnancy.

Breast-feeding

Tell your doctor if you are breast-feeding or about to start breast-feeding. Telmisartan is not recommended for mothers who are breast-feeding, and your doctor may choose another treatment for you if you are breast feeding, especially if your baby is newborn, or was born prematurely.

Driving and using machines

Some people feel dizzy or tired when taking Telmisartan Actavis. If you feel dizzy or tired, do not drive or use machines.

3. How to take Telmisartan Actavis

Always take this medicine exactly as your doctor has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Packaging and storage

Telmisartan tablets should be stored in a tight container, in a cool dry place and away from light. Please refer to the label on the container for storage instructions.

Telmisartan tablets should be kept out of the reach of children.

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Your doctor may check your kidney function, blood pressure, and the amount of electrolytes (e.g. potassium) in your blood at regular intervals.

See also information under the headings “Do not take Telmisartan” and “Warnings and precautions”.

Your doctor may need to change the dose of these other medicines or take other precautions. In some cases your may have to stop taking one of the medicines. This applies especially to the medicines listed below taken at the same time with Telmisartan Actavis.

Possible side effects

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1. Black box warnings

**Sepsis** *(often called “blood poisoning”, is a severe infection with failure, pain in the chest, feeling of weakness, and increased level of fever, chest pain, heart rate (bradycardia), low blood pressure (hypotension))

**Sodium, mannitol, povidone, potassium hydroxide pellets.**

2. Warnings and cautions

3. Defining characteristics

4. Side effects

5. How to store Telmisartan Actavis

6. Contents of the pack and other information

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