What is Vesicare? 

Vesicare is a medicine used to treat the symptoms of an overactive bladder. An overactive bladder is a condition called overactive bladder. This condition makes you feel the need to urinate constantly and may cause you to urinate without prior warning, having to urinate more often than before (for example, once or twice at night), having to go to the bathroom and increases the need to void (urge frequency), difficulty in passing urine (e.g. a thin urine flow). Risk of bladder obstruction or have difficulty in emptying your bladder completely (urinary retention) may increase. Vesicare may also cause or exacerbate inflammation of the gullet (dysphagia).

Before taking Vesicare, speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you are at risk of developing bladder obstruction or urinary retention, if you have a stomach tear (hiatus hernia) or have difficulty in emptying your bladder.

How do I take Vesicare? 

- Take Vesicare as directed by your doctor. 
- The usual dose is 5 mg per day, unless your doctor told you to take 10 mg per day. 
- The dose is usually taken once a day at bedtime, but it can be taken at any time of day depending on your preference. Do not crush the tablets. 
- It should be taken with water. 
- If you forget to take your dose, take it as soon as you remember, unless it is time to take your next dose. Never take more than one dose per day. If you are in doubt, always consult your doctor or pharmacist. 
- Take your next dose at your preferred time. 
- If you take too much Vesicare (overdose), symptoms of overdose may include: headache, drowsiness, dizziness, blurred vision, perceiving things that are not there (hallucinations), over- excitability, seizures, difficulty in breathing, abdominal pain, burping, nausea, and heartburn. 
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Side effects 

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everyone gets them. The possible side effects of Vesicare are:

- Common side effects: dry mouth, dizziness, drowsiness and blurred vision.
- Uncommon side effects: constipation, nausea, indigestion with bloating, stomach discomfort (dyspepsia), stomach pain, abdominal pain, burping, nausea, and heartburn. 
- Rare side effects: increase in blood pressure, hyperglycemia, nephropathy and cardiovascular side effects, anemia, urological side effects, decreased testosterone levels, erectile dysfunction, impaired sperm quality.
usual sleepiness, impaired sense of taste (dysgeusia)

• dry throat

• a feeling of burning inside the mouth

• difficulty in passing urine

• backflow disease (gastro-oesophageal reflux), dry throat

• dry skin

• difficulty in passing urine

• tiredness, accumulation of fluid in the lower legs (oedema)

Rare (may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people)

• lodging of a large amount of hardened stool in the large intestine (faecal impaction)

• build up of urine in the bladder due to inability to empty the bladder (urinary retention)

• dizziness

• headache

• vomiting

• itching, rash

Very rare (may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people)

• hallucinations, confusion

• allergic rash

Not known (frequency cannot be estimated from the available data)

• decreased appetite, high levels of blood potassium which can cause abnormal heart rhythm

• increased pressure in the eyes

• changes in the electrical activity of the heart (ECG), irregular heartbeat, feeling your heartbeat, faster heart beat

• voice disorder

• liver disorder

• muscle weakness

• renal disorder

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Vesicare

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use Vesicare after the expiry date which is stated on the container after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

There are no special precautions for storage.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Vesicare contains

The active substance is solifenacin succinate 5 mg or 10 mg. The other ingredients are maize starch, lactose, hypromellose (E464), magnesium stearate, macrogol, talc, titanium dioxide (E171) and iron oxide (E172).

What Vesicare looks like and contents of the pack

Vesicare 5 mg tablets are round, light yellow tablets marked with the company logo and the code “150” on the same side.

Vesicare 10 mg tablets are round, light pink tablets marked with the company logo and the code “151” on the same side.

Vesicare tablets are supplied in blister packs of 3, 5, 10, 20, 50, 60, 90 or 100 tablets.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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