Vascalpha 5mg and 10mg prolonged release tablets
felodipine

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

1. Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
2. If you have any further questions, ask your doctor.
3. 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.
4. If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor.
   This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

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2. What you need to know before you take Vascalpha tablets
3. How to take Vascalpha tablets
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1. What Vascalpha tablets are and what they are used for

Vascalpha tablets contain the active substance felodipine. This belongs to a group of medicines called calcium antagonists. It lowers blood pressure by dilating small blood vessels. It does not negatively affect the heart function.

Vascalpha tablets are used in the treatment of high blood pressure (hypertension) and heart and chest pain brought on by for example exercise or stress (angina pectoris).

High blood pressure often causes no symptoms, but if it is not treated it can damage blood vessels in the long-term. In some cases this can lead to heart attacks, kidney failure, stroke or blindness. That is why it is important not to stop taking this medicine without talking to your doctor.

2. What you need to know before you take Vascalpha tablets

Do not take Vascalpha tablets
• if you are pregnant. You should tell your doctor as soon as possible if you become pregnant while using this medicine.
• if you are allergic to felodipine or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).
• if you suffer from uncontrolled heart failure.
• if you have acute myocardial infarction (heart attack).
• if you have chest pain of recent onset, or angina pectoris that is lasting for more than 15 minutes or longer or is more severe than usual.
• if you have disease of a heart valve or heart muscle, until you have talked to your doctor.

Warnings and precautions

Vascalpha tablets, like other blood-pressure lowering medicinal products, may in rare cases lead to pronounced low blood pressure which in some patients may result in an inadequate supply of blood to the heart. Symptoms of excessive low blood pressure and inadequate blood supply to the heart itself, frequently include dizziness and chest pain. If you experience these symptoms, seek emergency care immediately.

Talk to your doctor before taking Vascalpha tablets, especially if you have problems with your liver.

Taking Vascalpha tablets may cause your gums to become swollen. Practice good oral hygiene to help avoid gums from swelling (see section 4).

Children

The use of Vascalpha tablets is not recommended in children.

Other medicines and Vascalpha tablets

Tell your doctor if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines. Some medicines/herbal remedies can affect treatment with Vascalpha tablets.

Examples are:
• cimetidine (medicine to treat gastric ulcers)
• erythromycin (medicine to treat infections)
• itraconazole (medicine to treat fungi)
• ketocnazole (medicine to treat fungi)
• medicines to treat HIV infection (such as ritonavir)
• medicines to treat HIV infection (such as efavirenz, nevirapine)
• phenytoin (medicine to treat epilepsy)
• phenobarbital (medicine to treat epilepsy)
• carbamazepine (medicine to treat epilepsy)
• rifampicin (medicine to treat infections)
• barbiturates (medicine to treat anxiety, sleeping problems and epilepsy)
• tacrolimus (medicine used in organ transplantations)

Medicines containing St John’s wort (Hypericum perforatum) (herbal product used to treat depression) may reduce the effect of Vascalpha tablets and should therefore be avoided.

Vascalpha tablets with food and drink

Do not drink grapefruit juice if you are treated with Vascalpha tablets, as this may increase the effect of Vascalpha tablets and the risk of side effects.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Pregnancy

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Breast-feeding

Tell your doctor if you are breast-feeding or about to start breast-feeding. Vascalpha tablets is not recommended for mothers who are breast-feeding, and your doctor may choose another treatment for you if you wish to breast-feed.

Driving and using machines

Vascalpha tablets can have a mild to moderate influence on your ability to drive and use machines. If you experience headache, nausea, dizziness or fatigue your ability to react may be impaired. Caution is recommended especially at the start of treatment.

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Felodipine Tablets
5 & 10mg x 28’s (UK)

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3 How to take Vascalpha tablets

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

Vascalpha extended release tablets should be taken in the morning and be swallowed with water. The tablet must not be divided, crushed or chewed. This medicine can be taken without food or following a light meal not high in fat or carbohydrates.

Hypertension

Treatment should be started with 5mg once a day. If necessary, your doctor may increase the dose to add another blood-pressure lowering medicine. The usual dose when treating this disease for a long time is 5-10mg once a day. In elderly patients, a starting dose of 2.5mg daily may be considered.

Stable angina pectoris

Treatment should be started with 5mg once a day and if needed, your doctor may increase the dose to 10mg once a day.

If you have liver problems

The level of felodipine in your blood may be increased. Your doctor may lower the dose.

Elderly people

Your doctor may initiate treatment with the lowest available dose.

If you take more Vasalpna tablets than you should

If you take more than the recommended number of doses of Vascalpha tablets, you may suffer from very low blood pressure and sometimes palpitations, high or rarely, slow heart rate. Therefore, it is very important that you take the number of doses prescribed by your doctor. If you experience symptoms such as feeling faint, light-headedness or dizziness, contact your doctor immediately.

If you forget to take Vascalpha tablets

If you forget to take a tablet, leave out that dose completely. Take your next dose at the right time. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

If you stop taking Vascalpha tablets

If you stop taking this medicine your condition may return. Please consult your doctor and seek advice before you stop taking Vascalpha tablets. Your doctor will advise you how long to take your medicine.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor.

4 Possible side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everyone gets them.

If any of the following happen to you, stop taking Vascalpha tablets and tell a doctor straight away:

• Hypersensitivity and allergic reactions: The signs may include raised lumps on your skin (wheat) or swelling of your face, lips, mouth, tongue or throat.

The following undesirable effects have been identified. Most of these reactions appear at start of treatment or after a dose increase. Should such reactions occur, they are usually brief and diminish in intensity with time. If you experience any of the following symptoms and they persist, please tell your doctor.

Mild enlargement of the gums has been reported in patients with an inflammation in the mouth (gingivitis/periodontitis). The enlargement can be avoided or reversed by careful oral hygiene. A need to pass water frequently

• Headache

Common:

• Ankle swelling

Common:

• May affect up to 1 in 10 people

• Headache

• Flashing

Uncommon:

• May affect up to 1 in 100 people

• Abnormally rapid heart rate

• Palpitations

• Too low blood pressure (hypotension)

• Nausea

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5mg or 10mg

Vascalpha tablets are reddish brown, round, biconvex, film-coated prolonged release tablets with 5 on one side.

Vascalpha 5mg tablets are light pink, round, biconvex, film-coated prolonged release tablets with 10 on one side.

Vascalpha 10mg tablets are reddish brown, round, biconvex, film-coated prolonged release tablets with 10 on one side.

Vascalpha 5mg or 10mg are available in packages of 10, 14, 20, 28, 30, 50, 60, 90, 90, 100, 250, 500 and 1000 prolonged release tablets. Not all pack sizes may be available.

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Residents may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people

Possible side effects may affect more than 1 in 10 people

Very rare: may affect up to 1 in 10 people

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