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

Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.

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

This medicine has been prescribed for you. Do not pass it on to others. You may harm them even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.

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

What is in this leaflet?:

1. What Ramipril capsules are and what they are used for
2. What you need to know before you take Ramipril capsules
3. How to use Ramipril capsules
4. Possible side effects
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1. What Ramipril capsules are and what they are used for

Ramipril capsules are an ACE inhibitor medication. They belong to a group of medicines called ACE inhibitors (Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitors).

What do Ramipril capsules do?

- decreasing your blood production of substances that could raise your blood pressure
- making blood vessels relax and widen
- making it easier for your heart to pump blood around your body

Ramipril capsules can be used:

- to treat high blood pressure (hypertension)
- to reduce the risk of or to slow the worsening of kidney problems (whether or not you have diabetes)
- to treat your heart when it cannot pump enough blood to the rest of your body (cardiomyopathy)
- as treatment following heart attack (myocardial infarction) complicated with diabetes

What you need to know before you take Ramipril capsules

1. Black
2. Orange
3. Purple

Do not take Ramipril capsules if you:

- are allergic to the active substance or any of the other ingredients of this medicinal product
- are allergic to any other ACE inhibitor medicine.

- You are allergic to any other ACE inhibitor medicine. Signs of an allergic reaction include a rash, swelling of your face, lips, tongue or throat, swelling of the throat and tongue, swelling around the eyes and face, difficulty breathing and swallowing

- You are having an anaesthetic or any other type of blood filtration.

- Do not take Ramipril capsules if you are breast-feeding.

- You have diabetic or impaired kidney function and you are treated with a blood pressure lowering medicine containing aliskiren.

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using Ramipril capsules if you:

- have heart or kidney problems
- have a lot of bloody salts or fluids (through being sick (vomiting), having diarrhea, passing blood, or passing blood clots)
- have taken any other medicine for heart attack, including aspirin (water tablets) such as furosemide (used to lower the uric acid in your blood)

- You are allergic to any other ACE inhibitor medicine.

- You have diabetic or impaired kidney function and you are treated with a blood pressure lowering medicine containing aliskiren.

- Do not take Ramipril capsules if any of the above apply to you if you are not sure, talk to your doctor before taking Ramipril capsules.

- you are taking any of the following medicines used to treat high blood pressure:
  - ANGII receptor blocking blockers (ARBs) also known as saralens - for example, valsartan, telmisartan, telavilan, in particular if you have diabetes-related kidney problems.
  - Aldosterone

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

- Please see also information under the heading Do not take Ramipril capsules.

Children and adolescents

Ramipril capsules are not recommended for use in children and adolescents below 18 years of age because safety and efficacy of Ramipril capsules in children have not yet been established.

If any of the above apply to you (or you are not sure), talk to your doctor before taking Ramipril capsules.

Other medicines and Ramipril capsules

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you have recently taken or might take any other medicines. This is because Ramipril capsules can affect the way some other medicines work. Also some medicines can affect the way Ramipril capsules work.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any of the following medicines.

- They can make Ramipril capsules work less well.
- They can also affect the way other medicines work.
- They may be affected by Ramipril capsules:
  - medicines to
    - relieve pain and inflammation (e.g. Non-steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) such as ibuprofen or indomethacin and aspirin)
  - medicines used for the treatment of low blood pressure, shock, cardiac failure, asthma or allergies such as epinephrine, terbutaline (Ventolin) or salmeterol (Serevent).

- medicines used for:
  - cancer (chemotherapy/Terminosina).
  - to stop the injection of organs after a transplant such as cyclosporine and tacrolimus.

- cerebral infarction (such as Endone)

- medicines which can raise the amount of potassium in your blood such as spironolactone, triamterene, amiloride potassium salt and heparin (for thinning blood)

- medicines for infection such as cephalosporins

- diabetes water tablet such as Acrisozone

- medicines used to lower the uric acid in your blood

- medicines for heart rhythm problems

- medicines for infections caused by bacteria (Tetrathione and Co-Trimoxazole)

- medicines to prevent graft rejection (Bivlacine)

2. Pink

Please tell your doctor if you are taking any of the following medicines.

- They may be affected by Ramipril capsules.
- They may affect you if you are using Ramipril capsules:

- diabetes for shot place lowering medicines and insulin: Ramipril capsules may lower your blood sugar amounts.

- Check your blood sugar amounts closely while taking Ramipril capsules.

- for mental health problems: Ramipril capsules may increase the amount of lithium in your blood.

- Your lithium amount will need to be closely checked by your doctor.

- Your doctor may need to change your dose and/or to take other precautions.

- You are taking any angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) or aliskiren (see also information under the heading Do not take Ramipril capsules. Warnings and precautions).

- If any of the above apply to you (or you are not sure), talk to your doctor before taking Ramipril capsules.

3. Yellow

Ramipril capsules with and without food

Drinking alcohol with Ramipril capsules may make you feel dizzy or light-headed and it is possible that you may lose balance or faint if you are prescribed Ramipril capsules as a treatment for heart failure. If you become pregnant while on Ramipril capsules, tell your doctor immediately. It is advisable to stop taking this medicine while you are pregnant. If you are breast-feeding, your doctor will need to discuss with you the medicine used to reduce blood pressure and alcohol can have additive effects. Ramipril capsules may be taken with or without food.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

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Ramipril capsules are not recommended for use in the first 3 months of pregnancy and may cause serious harm to your baby after 13 months of pregnancy, see section ‘Pregnancy and breast-feeding’.

- you are pregnant, or you think that you are pregnant
- you are unsure whether or not you are pregnant
- you are breast-feeding
- your doctor needs to discuss with you the medicine used to reduce blood pressure and alcohol can have additive effects. Ramipril capsules may be taken with or without food.

- see any of the following medicines used to treat high blood pressure:
  - ANGII receptor blocking blockers (ARBs) also known as saralens - for example, valsartan, telmisartan, telavilan, in particular if you have diabetes-related kidney problems.

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- Other medicines and Ramipril capsules

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you have recently taken or might take any other medicines. This is because Ramipril capsules can affect the way some other medicines work. Also some medicines can affect the way Ramipril capsules work.

- Please tell your doctor if you are taking any of the following medicines. They can make Ramipril capsules work less well.

- medicines used to relieve pain and inflammation (e.g. Non-steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) such as ibuprofen or indomethacin and aspirin)

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- medicines for cancer (chemotherapy/Terminosina).

- medicines used to stop the injection of organs after a transplant such as cyclosporine and tacrolimus.

- medicines which can raise the amount of potassium in your blood such as spironolactone, triamterene, amiloride potassium salt and heparin (for thinning blood)

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- You are taking any of the following medicines.

- They may be affected by Ramipril capsules.

- They may affect you if you are using Ramipril capsules:

- diabetes for shot place lowering medicines and insulin: Ramipril capsules may lower your blood sugar amounts.

- Check your blood sugar amounts closely while taking Ramipril capsules.

- for mental health problems: Ramipril capsules may increase the amount of lithium in your blood.

- Your lithium amount will need to be closely checked by your doctor.

- Your doctor may need to change your dose and/or to take other precautions.

- You are taking any angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) or aliskiren (see also information under the heading Do not take Ramipril capsules. Warnings and precautions).

- If any of the above apply to you (or you are not sure), talk to your doctor before taking Ramipril capsules.

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Possible side effects

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

Stop taking Ramipril capsules and contact your doctor if you notice any of the following:

- Swelling of the face, lips or throat which make it difficult to swallow or breathing difficulties. This could be a sign of a severe allergic reaction to Ramipril capsules.
- Swelling of the skin including rash, swelling in your mouth, worsening of a pre-existing skin disease, reddening or detachment of skin such as Stevens-Johnson syndrome, toxic epidermal necrolysis or erythema multiform.

Contact your doctor immediately if you notice any of the following:

- Faintness or feeling light-headed, or feeling faint or dizzy, or feeling hot or cold.
- Shortness of breath or a cough. These could be signs of a lung problem.
- Severe stomach pain which may make you vomit.
- Severe deafness; trouble hearing.
- Pain in your joints.
- Feeling depressed, anxious, more nervous than usual or restless.
- Feeling tired or more weak than normal.
- Feeling dizzy, while taking Ramipril capsules. This is more likely to happen when you start taking Ramipril capsules or start taking a higher dose.
- Feeling depressed, anxious, nervous, more restless or less active than normal.
- Feeling hot or cold.
- Feeling dizzy, while taking Ramipril capsules.
- Feeling depressed, anxious, more nervous than usual or restless.
- Feeling light-headed, or feeling faint, or feeling hot.
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- Feeling dizzy, while taking Ramipril capsules.

Contact your doctor as soon as possible.

If you take more Ramipril capsules than you should

Tell a doctor or go to the nearest hospital casualty department straight away. Do not go to the doctors, get someone else to call you in for an ambulance. Take the medicine pack with you. This is so the doctor knows what you have taken.

If you forget to take Ramipril capsules

If you take more a dose, take your normal dose when it is next due. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten capsule.

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

How to store Ramipril capsules

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the blister or the capsule container. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. 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

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