Always take MAXITRAM SR exactly as your doctor has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you In general the lowest pain-relieving dose should be taken. to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicine. This medicine contains sucrose. If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance reactions, some of which may be delayed. This medicine contains methyl parahydroxybenzoate and propyl parahydroxybenzoate which may cause allergic medicine. It is an offence to drive if this medicine affects your ability to drive. Do not drive while taking this medicine until you know how it affects you. The medicine can affect your ability to drive as it may make you sleepy or dizzy. do not drive or use any tools/machines and do not perform any hazardous tasks. MAXITRAM SR may cause side effects such as drowsiness and blurred vision. If this happens, Driving and using machines Use in children: Tramadol is not recommended in children with breathing problems, since the symptoms of tramadol toxicity may be worse in these children. Other medicines and MAXITRAM SR Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines. Use in children with breathing problems: Children and adolescents should be used with caution, and only for short periods in patients who are addicted to other opioid painkillers. especially with long term use. The dose needed to achieve the desired effect may increase with time. Tramadol may lead to psychological and physical dependence or addiction in some people, patients including those with impaired breathing, excessively low blood pressure (shock), serious head injury or feelings or being sick, constipation, lack of appetite. medicine and seek immediate medical advice: slow or shallow breathing, confusion, sleepiness, small pupils, feeling of illness are the same as yours. Do not use alcohol and therefore you should be cautious if you wish to drink alcohol during treatment with MAXITRAM SR. It is an offence to drive if this medicine affects your ability to drive. However, you would not be committing an offence if: • The medicine has been prescribed to treat a medical or dental problem and • You have taken it according to the instructions given by the prescriber or in the information provided with the medicine and • It was not affecting your ability to drive safely Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure whether it is safe for you to drive while taking this medicine. MAXITRAM SR contains buprenorphine and suxrez This medicine contains buprenorphine. If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicine.

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2. WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU TAKE MAXITRAM SR

Tramadol may interact with these medicines and you may experience symptoms such as involuntary, rhythmic contractions of muscles, including the muscles that control movement of the eye, apnoea, excessive sweating, tremor, exaggeration of reflexes, increased muscle tension, body temperature above 38 °C. If you take MAXITRAM SR at the same time as sedative medicines such as tranquillizers, or sleeping pills and巴士克, nausea, vomiting, and lack of appetite. If you get any side effects talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

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Rare: affects up to 1 in 1,000 people

• Low blood pressure, especially when standing up
• Skin disorders (e.g. itchiness, rash, sudden standing upright onset of skin redness)

Uncommon: affects up to 1 in 100 people

• Fatigue (tiredness)
• Weakness
• Stomach bloating
• Constipation
• Sweating
• Increased heartbeat
• Diarrhoea
• Vomiting (being sick)
• Dry mouth

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4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

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

The active substance is tramadol hydrochloride. Each capsule contains 50 mg, 100 mg, 150 mg or 200 mg of tramadol hydrochloride equivalent to 43.91 mg, 87.82 mg, 131.73 mg or 175.64 mg tramadol.

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Severe liver or kidney damage (insufficiency)/dialysis patients:

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Boots and method of administration

Precautions

The capsules should be swallowed whole with a glass of water.

For oral use.

The capsules can be taken with or without food. They should NOT be chewed or crushed.

Take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

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Reporting of side effects

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