

NATRILIX®

indapamide

a primary antihypertensive agent

Natrilix offers a simple, effective means of controlling blood pressure both in newly diagnosed and in poorly controlled patients with mild to moderate hypertension

Prescribing information Presentation

Pink biconvex sugar-coated tablets each containing 2.5 mg indapamide hemihydrate.

Uses

For the treatment of hypertension.

Dosage and administration

Adults

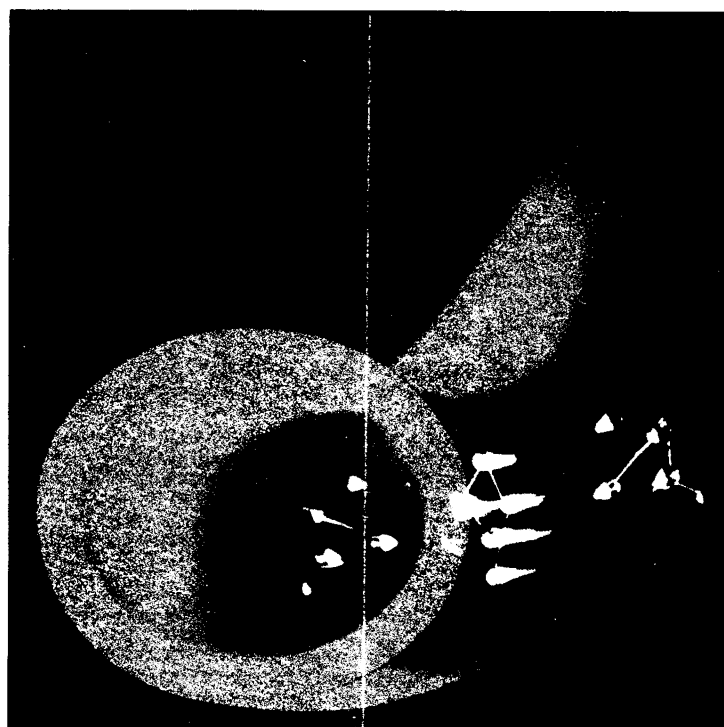
The dosage is one tablet daily to be taken in the morning.

Children

There is no experience of the use of this drug in children.

Contra-indications, warning, etc.

There are no absolute contra-indications to the use of Natrilix but caution should be exercised when prescribing it in cases of severe renal or hepatic impairment. As with all new drugs, the administration of Natrilix should be avoided during pregnancy although no teratological effects have been seen in animals. At doses higher than that recommended, Natrilix has a diuretic effect, therefore it is not recommended to prescribe it with a diuretic agent which may cause hypokalaemia. Also, slight weight loss has been reported in some patients taking Natrilix. Reported side effects have included nausea and headache,



but they are generally uncommon and mild in nature.

Serum urate levels may rise slightly but there is no evidence that glucose tolerance is adversely affected.

Box of 30 tablets.

Product licence number 0093/0022.

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FLUDEX® in Africa, Belgium, France, Holland, Portugal, Switzerland.
NATRILIX® in English speaking Countries of Africa, Brazil, Central America, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Middle East, South East Asia, United Kingdom.
TERTENSIF® in Spain.
NATRIX® in Korea.

Further information is available on request from
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Les Laboratoires Servier,
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The nasal-block buster

FOR COLDS, RHINITIS AND SINUSITIS

ACTIFED TABLETS

triprolidine hydrochloride BP/pseudoephedrine hydrochloride BP

Indications Symptomatic relief of upper respiratory congestion in: the common cold, hay fever, vasomotor and allergic rhinitis, acute sinusitis, otitis barotrauma.

Dosage Three times a day: Adults and children over 12 years: 1 tablet or 10 ml. 6-12 years: 7.5 ml. 1-6 years: 5 ml. 3-12 months: 2.5 ml.

Contra-Indications Actifed* is contraindicated in persons under treatment with MAO inhibitors and within two weeks of stopping such treatment.

Precautions Although at recommended dosage pseudoephedrine has virtually no pressor effects in normotensive subjects, Actifed should be used with caution in patients with cardiovascular disorders. As with other antihistamine-containing

preparations, drowsiness may occur. In some patients the action of antihistamines may be potentiated by alcohol.

Presentation Each Actifed tablet contains 2.5 mg triprolidine hydrochloride and 60 mg pseudoephedrine hydrochloride. PL3/5003.

Each 5 ml of Actifed Syrup contains 1.25 mg triprolidine hydrochloride and 30 mg pseudoephedrine hydrochloride. PL3/5004.

Additional information is available on request.

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PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

Indications Sensitive bacterial infections of the lower respiratory, urinary and genital tracts, sinusitis, otitis media, skin infections, septicaemia, typhoid and paratyphoid fevers, and other infections caused by sensitive organisms.

Dosage Septrin Forte Tablets. Adults and children over 12 years: 1 forte tablet twice daily. Maximum dosage for particularly severe infections 1½ forte tablets twice daily. In acute infections Septrin should be given for a minimum of 5 days or until the patient has been symptom-free for 2 days.

Contra-indications Septrin is contra-indicated in patients with marked liver parenchymal damage, blood dyscrasias or severe renal insufficiency. Septrin should not be given to patients hypersensitive to sulphonamides or co-trimoxazole; should not be given during pregnancy or to neonates.

Precautions In cases of renal impairment a reduced dosage is indicated and an adequate urinary output should be maintained. Regular blood counts are necessary whenever long-term therapy is used. Caution is advised in patients with folate deficiency. Care should be taken when giving Septrin to patients receiving oral anticoagulants of the coumarin group, pyrimethamine or sulphonylureas.

Adverse Reactions Occasionally, nausea, vomiting, glossitis and skin rashes may occur with normal doses and, very rarely, haematological reactions.

Presentation Septrin Forte Tablets each contain 160 mg Trimethoprim B.P. and 800 mg Sulphamethoxazole B.P.
Basic NHS cost: £1.34 for 10. PL3/0121



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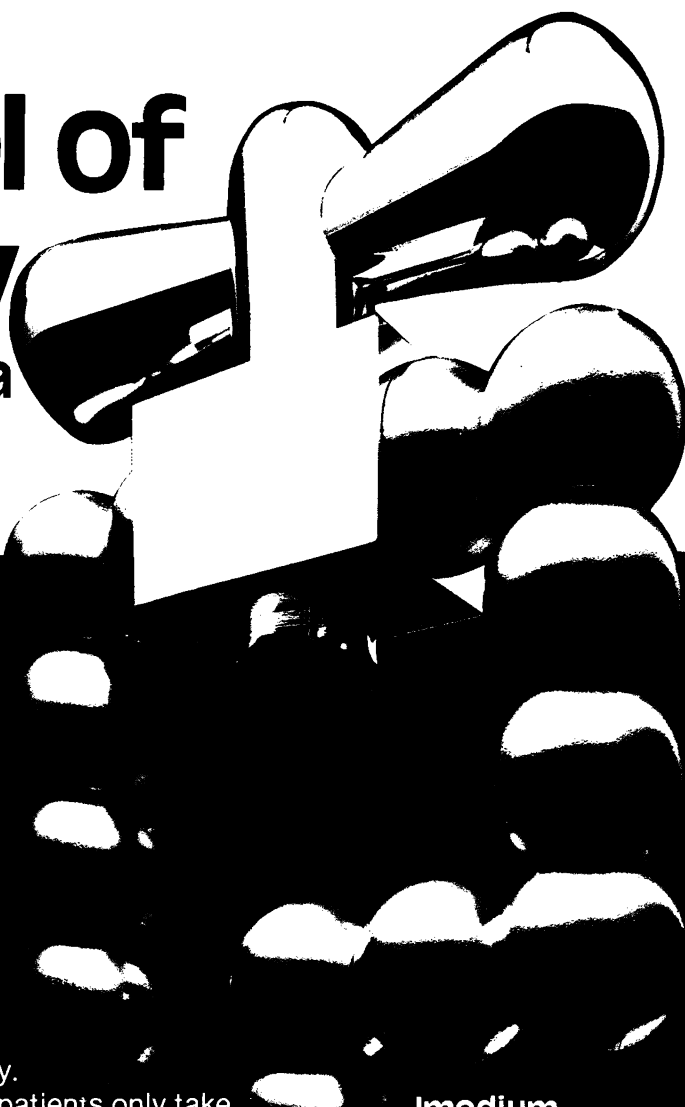
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(loperamide hydrochloride)

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**symbol of
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in acute diarrhoea**



Imodium's specific action controls diarrhoea, relieving pain and abdominal cramps rapidly and effectively.

A tailored dosage regime means that patients only take Imodium when they really need it, minimising the risk of constipation and encouraging economy of medication. Patients will find Imodium capsules easy to take and the blister pack of just twelve capsules is convenient to carry throughout the working day.

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2340 Beerse, Belgium

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JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICAL LTD.
Marlow, Bucks. SL7 1ET.

Presentation :

Hard gelatin capsules containing 2 mg loperamide hydrochloride and syrup containing 1 mg loperamide hydrochloride per 5 ml.

Indications :

Imodium[®] is indicated for the symptomatic control of acute diarrhoea of any aetiology.

Contra-indications and warnings etc. :

There are no specific contraindications to Imodium[®]. Studies in animals have shown no abnormal teratogenic effects, however the use of loperamide during pregnancy is subject to the usual precautions. In trials, no side effects have been reported that can reliably be distinguished from the symptoms of the gastro-intestinal disorder being treated. As persistent diarrhoea can be an indicator of potentially more serious conditions, Imodium[®] should not be used for prolonged periods until the underlying cause of the diarrhoea has been investigated.

Dosage and Administration :

Acute Diarrhoea : Adults : Two capsules initially, followed by one capsule after every loose stool. The usual dosage is 3 to 4 capsules a day; the maximum daily dose should not exceed 8 capsules. **Children :** 4 to 8 years : Syrup 5 ml four times daily until diarrhoea is controlled. In children under 8 years, further investigation may be necessary if diarrhoea has not responded to three days' treatment. 9 to 12 years : Syrup 10 ml (or 1 capsule) four times daily until diarrhoea is controlled.

Basic NHS Cost :

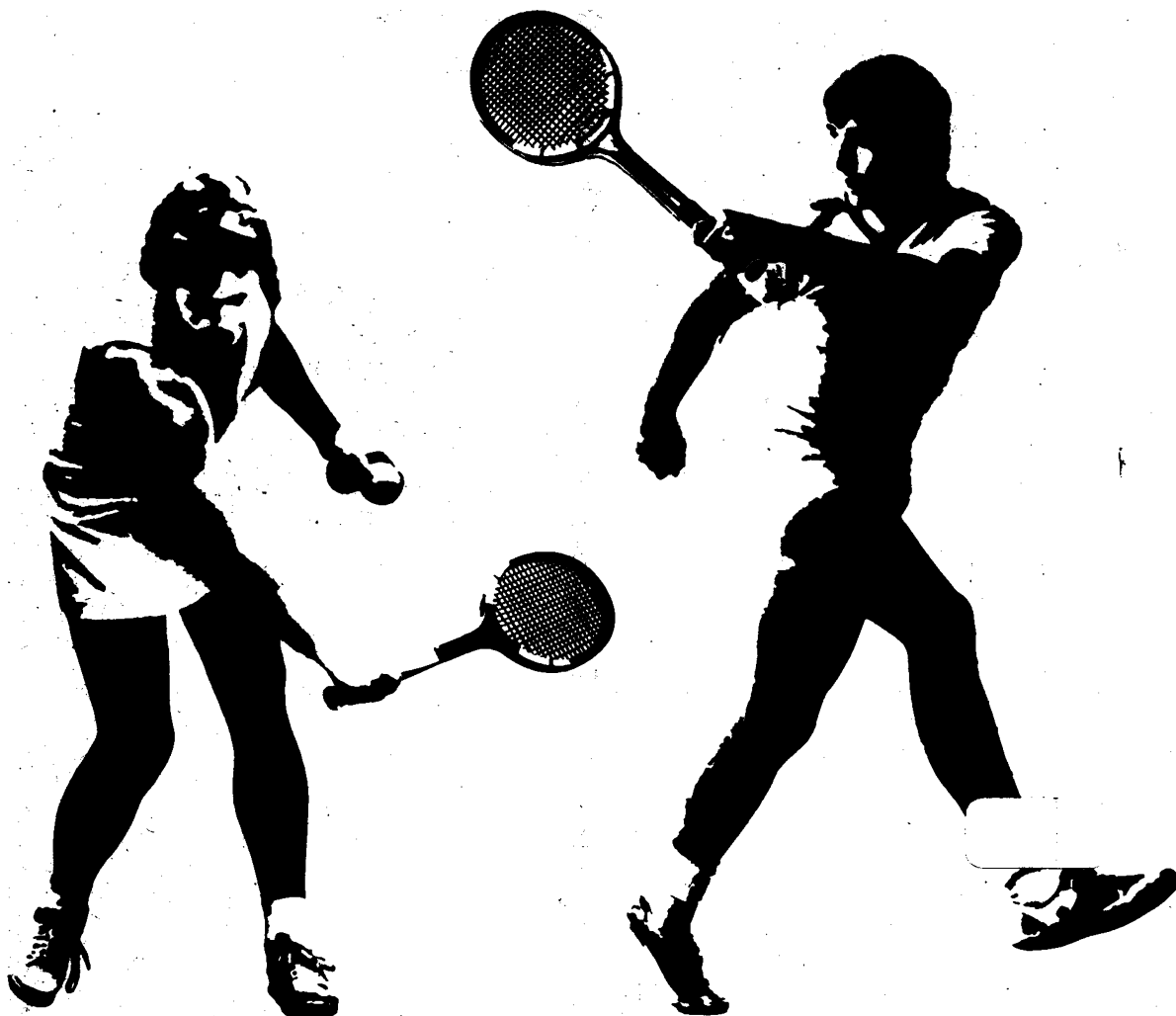
12 capsules (ex 250 pack) 104p. (correct at time of printing)

Product Licence Numbers :

Capsules 0242/0028 : Syrup 0242/0040

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LOPRESORETIC[®]

metoprolol tartrate and chlorthalidone BP

FOR HYPERTENSION

Presentation Off-white, round, film-coated tablets containing 100mg metoprolol tartrate and 12.5mg chlorthalidone BP. **Indications** Mild and moderate hypertension. **Dosage** Initially two tablets in the morning, occasionally it may be beneficial to raise the dosage to three or four tablets daily given in single or divided doses. **Contra-indications** Atrioventricular block of second or third degree, marked bradycardia, cardiogenic shock, uncontrolled heart failure, marked renal insufficiency, lithium therapy. **Side-effects** Lopresoretic is well tolerated with a low incidence and severity of side-effects. However, slight gastro-intestinal discomfort, sleep disturbances, nausea, dizziness and bradycardia may occasionally occur. There have been a few reports of skin rashes and/or dry eyes associated with the use of beta-adrenoceptor blocking drugs. Usually the symptoms clear on withdrawal of treatment. Chlorthalidone may cause latent gout or latent diabetes to become manifest; a few cases of allergic skin reactions, mild anorexia, nausea, constipation and diarrhoea have been reported and, rarely, thrombocytopenia and leucopenia. **Precautions** Although Lopresoretic contains a selective beta-blocker caution should be observed when treating patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and impaired carbohydrate metabolism. Patients with cardiac failure must be effectively digitalised. Caution in patients with renal failure, metabolic acidosis or those undergoing surgery. Cessation of therapy with a beta-blocker should be gradual. As with all drugs Lopresoretic should only be used during pregnancy if there are compelling reasons. **Packs** Lopresoretic (PL0001/0085) Calendar packs of 56 tablets £7.44. Further information is available on request from Geigy Pharmaceuticals, Horsham, West Sussex.

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