

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

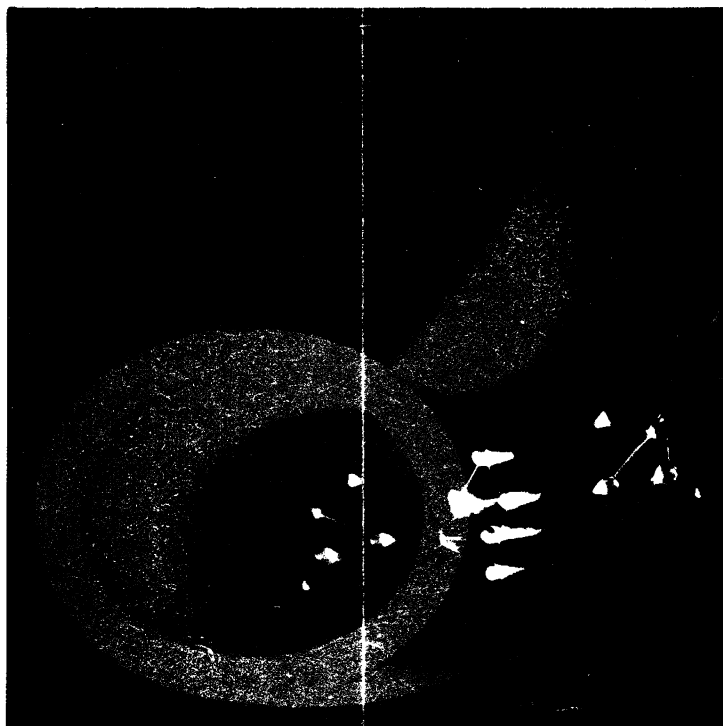
The dosage is one tablet daily to be taken in the morning.

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.

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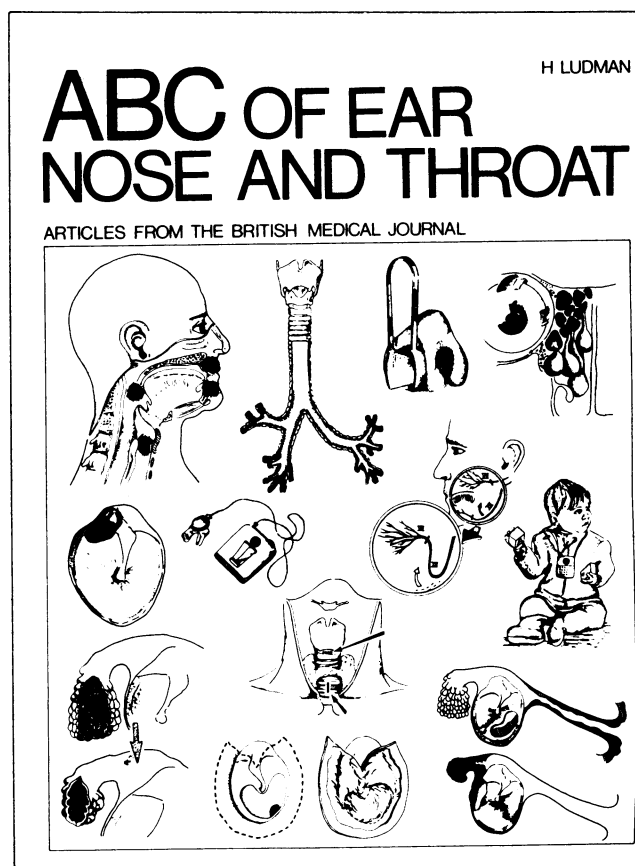
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PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

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 160mg Trimethoprim B.P. and 800mg Sulphamethoxazole B.P.

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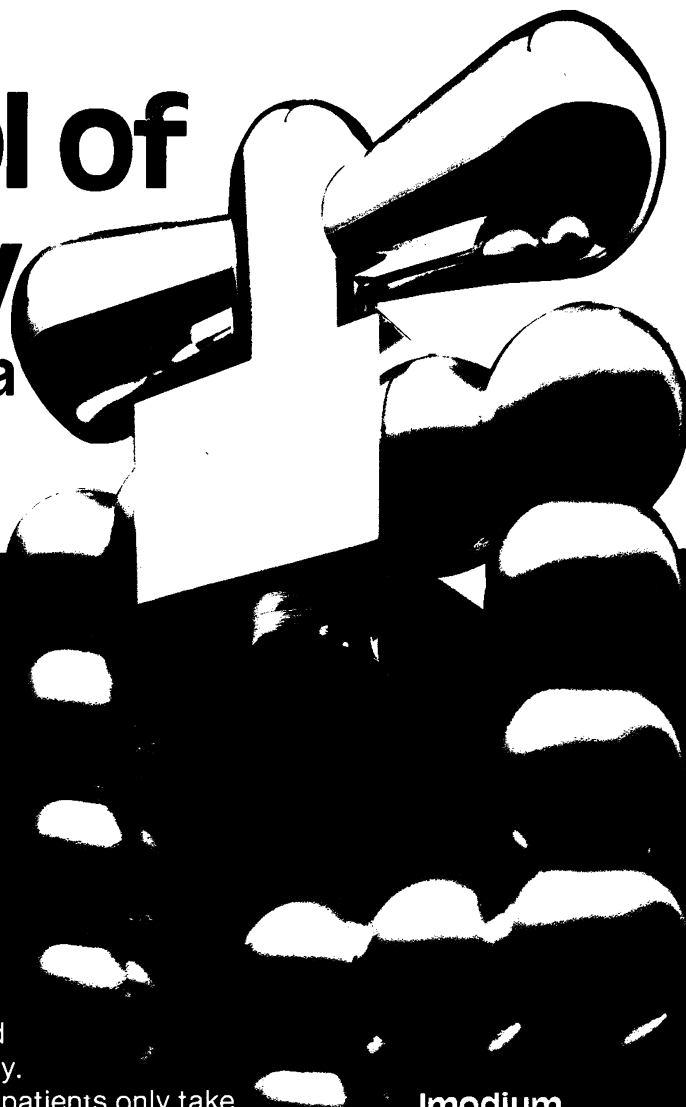
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Indications :

Imodium* is indicated for the symptomatic control of acute diarrhoea of any aetiology.

Contra-indications and warnings etc. :

There are no specific contra-indications 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)

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Geigy

Presentation Yellow, biconvex enteric coated tablets of 25mg diclofenac sodium, imprinted Geigy on one side. Light brown, biconvex enteric coated tablets of 50mg diclofenac sodium, imprinted Geigy on one side. Yellowish-white suppositories of 100mg diclofenac sodium. **Mode of action** Voltarol is a non-steroidal agent with marked analgesic/anti-inflammatory properties. **Indications** Rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis. **Dosage** Tablets: a total of 75-150mg daily, given in two or three divided doses. Rectal: One suppository daily which may be combined with tablets. The daily dose should not exceed 150mg. **Contra-indications** Peptic ulceration. Patients in whom attacks of asthma, urticaria or acute rhinitis are precipitated by aspirin or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents. **Precautions** Voltarol should not be prescribed during pregnancy, unless there are compelling reasons for doing so. Patients with a history of peptic ulcer, haematemesis, or melaena, or with severe hepatic or renal insufficiency, should be kept under close surveillance. Voltarol has been reported to depress salicylate levels, and vice versa; the clinical relevance of this phenomenon is not yet clear. **Warnings and side-effects** Transient epigastric pain, nausea and diarrhoea, headache and slight dizziness have been reported as occasionally have skin rash, peripheral oedema and abnormalities of serum transaminases. **NHS price** Tablets 25mg: pack of 100 - £9.00; 50mg: pack of 100 - £17.50; Suppositories: pack of 10 - £2.98. **Product licence numbers** Tablets 25mg PL0001/0036, 50mg PL0001/0082, Suppositories 100mg PL0001/0083. **Product licence holder** Geigy Pharmaceuticals, Horsham, West Sussex. Full prescribing information is available from Geigy Pharmaceuticals, Horsham, West Sussex.