

APO-DOXAZOSIN 2MG TABLETS

Doxazosin Mesylate (2mg)

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- If you are pregnant or trying to become pregnant
- If you have liver disease
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Use in Children: The use of APO-DOXAZOSIN is not recommended in children since safety and efficacy have not been established.

Use in Elderly: APO-DOXAZOSIN should be used cautiously in elderly because of the possibility of postural hypotension (drop in blood pressure due to a change in body position).

doctor if you don't take it for a few days for some reason; you may then need to restart the medication at a 1 mg dose, increase your dose gradually and again be cautious about possible dizziness.

- If you forget to use it

Do not worry. Take your recommended dose as soon as you remember, unless it is nearly time for the next dose. Then take your next dose at the right time. Do not take a double dose to make up for a missed dose.

- If you use too much (overdose)

If you have accidentally taken more than your prescribed dose, contact your nearest casualty department or tell your doctor or pharmacist immediately. Remember to take the pack and any remaining tablets with you.

What Apo-Doxazosin is used for

Your doctor has prescribed APO-DOXAZOSIN because you have a medical condition called benign prostatic hyperplasia (enlarged prostate gland) or BPH. This condition occurs only in men. APO-DOXAZOSIN can also be used to treat high blood pressure (hypertension).

- Taking other medicines

No unexpected interactions were reported. Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you buy without a prescription from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

While you are using it

- Things you must do

Take your medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are taking APO-DOXAZOSIN.

Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while taking this medication.

- Things you must not do

Do not stop taking the medicine unless advised by your doctor.

Do not take any new medicines without consulting your doctor.

Do not give APO-DOXAZOSIN to anyone else, even if they have

How Apo-Doxazosin works

APO-DOXAZOSIN blocks smooth muscle receptors of the bladder neck and the prostate called alpha1-adrenoceptors. This blockade causes the smooth muscles of the bladder neck and prostate to relax and decreases muscle tone.

How to use Apo-Doxazosin

- How much to use

You will start with a 1 mg dose of APO-DOXAZOSIN once daily. Then the once daily dose will be increased as your body gets used to the effects of the medication. Follow your doctor's instructions about how to take APO-DOXAZOSIN.

- When to use it

You can take APO-DOXAZOSIN either in the morning or at bedtime and it will be equally effective.

- How long to use it

You must take it every day at the dose prescribed. Talk with your

Before you use Apo-Doxazosin

- When you must not use it

Do not take APO-DOXAZOSIN if you are allergic to it or any of the components in the tablets.

- Before you start to use it

The following are reasons why APO-DOXAZOSIN may not be suitable for you:

the same symptoms or condition as you.

- ***Things to be careful of***
APO-DOXAZOSIN can cause a sudden drop in blood pressure after the very first dose. You may feel dizzy, faint or “light-headed”, particularly after you get up from bed or from a chair. This is more likely to occur after you have taken the first few doses, but can occur at any time while you are taking the medicine. It can also occur if you stop taking the medicine and then restart treatment.

Driving and using machines

This medicine may affect your ability to drive or use machines. If the tablets make you feel sick, dizzy or tired, or give you a headache, do not drive or use machines and contact your doctor immediately.

Side effects

Doxazosin can cause postural hypotension (sudden blood pressure drop) and produce syncope (sudden loss of consciousness) and tachycardia (fast heart beat) following the initial dose.

The more common side effects include dizziness, drowsiness, headache, lack of energy, nausea and palpitation (A sensation in which a person is aware of an irregular, hard, or rapid heartbeat.). Other adverse effects include chest pain, constipation, diarrhea, vomiting, depression and nervousness, sleep disturbances, vertigo, hallucinations, paresthesia (abnormal tingling or numbness sensation on the skin), nasal congestion, dryness of mouth, urinary frequency and incontinence (involuntary urination).

Visit your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you experience

any side effects after taking this medicine.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835550, or visiting the website portal.bpfk.gov.my (Consumers → Reporting).

Storage and Disposal of Apo-Doxazosin

- ***Storage***

Remember to keep APO-DOXAZOSIN and all medications safely away from children.

Do not use this medicine after the month and year written after EXP on the container.

Store APO-DOXAZOSIN at room temperature (between 15 - 25°C). Protect from light.

- ***Disposal***

Ask your pharmacist what to do with any tablets you have left over if your doctor tells you to stop taking them, or you find that the expiry date has passed.

Product Description

- ***What it looks like***

White, capsule-shaped, biconvex tablet engraved ‘APO’ on one side, the other side partially bisected and engraved ‘D2’. Available in HDPE bottles of 30’s.

- ***Ingredients***

- Active Ingredient: Doxazosin Mesylate

- Inactive Ingredients: Lactose monohydrate, microcrystalline cellulose, magnesium stearate and croscarmellose sodium.

- ***MAL number:***

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