

CAVEL TABLET®

Carvedilol 25mg

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What *CAVEL* is used for

CAVEL contains a medicine called carvedilol. This belongs to a group of medicines called 'beta blockers'.

CAVEL is used to treat the following:

- Chronic heart failure.
- High blood pressure (hypertension).
- Angina (chest pain or discomfort that happens when your heart isn't getting enough oxygen).

How *CAVEL* works

CAVEL works by making your blood vessels relax and widen.

This helps to lower your blood pressure.

If you have chronic heart failure, this makes it easier for your heart to pump blood around your body.

If you have angina, this will help stop the chest pain.

Your doctor may give you other medicines as well as *CAVEL* to help treat your condition.

Before you use *CAVEL*

- When you must not use it

Do not take *CAVEL* if:

- You are allergic to (hypersensitive) carvedilol.

- You have ever had wheezing due to asthma or other lung diseases.
- You have severe fluid retention (swelling of your hands, ankles and feet) which is being treated by medicines given into one of your veins (intravenously).
- You have problems with your liver.
- You have problems with your heart (for example 'heart block' or slow heart beat). *CAVEL* is not suitable for some people with certain types of heart problem.
- You have very low blood pressure.

If you are not sure, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking *CAVEL*.

- Before you start to use it

Check with your doctor or pharmacist before taking *CAVEL* if:

- You have problems with your kidneys.
- You have diabetes (high blood sugar).
- You wear contact lenses.
- You have problems with your blood vessels (peripheral vascular disease).
- You have ever had problems with your thyroid.
- You have ever had a serious allergic reaction (for example, sudden swelling, causing difficulty breathing or swallowing, swelling of the hands, feet and ankles or a severe rash).
- You have an allergy and are having treatment to desensitize you.
- You have problems with the blood circulation in your fingers and toes ('Raynaud's phenomenon').
- You have had a skin disorder called 'psoriasis', after taking beta-blocker medicines.

- You have a type of angina called 'Prinzmetal's variant angina' (caused by spasms of the coronary arteries to narrow and reducing the flow of blood to the heart)

If any of the above apply to you, or if you are not sure, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before you take *CAVEL*.

- Taking other medicines

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines.

This includes medicines that you buy without a prescription and herbal medicines.

This is because *CAVEL* can affect the way some medicines work. Also some other medicines can affect the way *CAVEL* works.

In particular, tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any of the following medicines:

- Other medicines for your heart or blood pressure, including water tablets (diuretics), 'calcium channel blockers' (for example diltiazem or verapamil), digoxin.
- Catecholamine-depleting agents (for example reserpine and Monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs such as isocarboxide and phenelzine (used to treat depression).
- Medicines for diabetes, such as insulin or metformin.
- Clonidine (used to treat high blood pressure, migraine and flushing in the menopause).
- Rifampicin (used to treat infections).

How to use CAVEL

- How much to use
Chronic heart failure:

When used for heart failure, treatment with CAVEL should be started by a specialist doctor.

Your tablets should be taken with food.

The usual starting dose is 3.125mg twice a day for two weeks.

Your doctor will then increase the dose slowly, over several weeks, up to 25mg twice a day.

If you weigh more than 85 kg the dose may be increased up to 50 mg twice a day.

If you have stopped taking CAVEL for more than two weeks you should talk to your doctor. They will need you to go back to the starting dose again.

High blood pressure:

The usual starting dose is 12.5 mg once a day for two days.

After two days the dose is usually 25mg once a day.

If your blood pressure is not under control, your doctor may increase your dose slowly, over several weeks up to 50 mg a day.

Angina:

Adults

The usual starting dose is 12.5mg twice a day for two days.

After two days the dose is usually 25mg, twice a day.

Elderly

Your doctor will decide both your starting dose and the best dose for you to take in the longer term.

- When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

- How long to use it

Continue taking CAVEL for as long as your doctor recommends.

- If you forget to use it

If you forget to take a dose, take it as soon as you remember. However, if it is nearly time for the next dose, skip the missed dose.

Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

- If you use too much (overdose)

If you take more CAVEL than you should or someone else takes your CAVEL, talk to a doctor or go to a hospital straight away. Take the medicine pack with you.

The following effects may happen if you have taken more tablets than you should: a slow heart beat, feeling dizzy or light headed, becoming breathless, wheezy or extremely tired.

While you are using it

- Things you must do

Always follow your doctor's instructions carefully.

If you are about to be started on any new medicine, remind your doctor and pharmacist that you are taking CAVEL.

Tell your doctor if you become pregnant while taking this medicine.

- Things you must not do

Do not take CAVEL to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.

Do not give your medicine to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you.

- Things to be careful of

If you are going to have an operation, tell the doctor that you are taking CAVEL. This is because some anaesthetics can lower your blood pressure, and it may become too low.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Do not take CAVEL if you are pregnant, trying to get pregnant or breast-feeding, unless your doctor has told you to.

Driving and using machines

You may feel dizzy while taking CAVEL.

This is more likely when you start treatment or if your treatment is changed, and when you drink alcohol.

If this happen to you, do not drive or use any tools or machines.

Talk to your doctor if you notice any other problems that might affect driving, using tools or machines while you are taking CAVEL.

Side effects

Like all medicines CAVEL can cause side effects, although not everyone will get them.

Very common

- Feeling dizzy
- Headache
- Feeling weak and tired
- Problems with your heart. The signs include chest pains, tiredness, shortness of breath and swelling of your arms and legs.
- Low blood pressure. The signs include feeling dizzy or light-headed.

Feeling dizzy, having a headache and feeling weak and tired are usually mild and more likely to happen at the beginning of your treatment.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that is making you feel unwell. Other side effects which are not listed above may also occur in some people.

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 *CAVEL*

- Storage

CAVEL tablets should be kept in their original packaging to protect them from moisture and light.

Keep your *CAVEL* tablets in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C.

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Do not use *CAVEL* after the expiry date printed on the pack.

- Disposal

Do not throw away any leftover tablets. Instead, return them to your pharmacist so that they can be disposed of carefully.

Only keep them if your doctor tells you to.

Product Description

- What it looks like

CAVEL 25 mg Tablets: Light yellow, round diameter of 7mm tablet with marking 'd' and 'DUO/2'

CAVEL 25mg tablets are presented in blister pack of 30's & 100 tablets.

- Ingredients

Active Ingredient:

- Carvedilol

Inactive Ingredients:

- Colloidal silicone dioxide
- Sodium starch glycolate
- Microcrystalline cellulose
- Lactose monohydrate
- Quinoline Yellow Lake
- Magnesium stearate
- Povidone

- MAL number:

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