

DEPROPIN TABLET

Dothiepin hydrochloride (25mg, 75mg)

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What DEPROPIN is used for

DEPROPIN is used to treat depression.

Your doctor may have prescribed DEPROPIN for another reason. Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why DEPROPIN has been prescribed for you.

How DEPROPIN works

DEPROPIN contains dothiepin hydrochloride. It belongs to a group of medicines known as tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs). DEPROPIN corrects the chemical imbalance and may help relieve the symptoms of depression.

Before you use DEPROPIN

- When you must not take it

Do not use DEPROPIN if you have liver failure.

Do not use DEPROPIN if you have fits.

DEPROPIN is not recommended for use in children under 16 years.

Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to

- dothiepin hydrochloride
- any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet
- any other tricyclic antidepressants such as :
 - amitriptyline
 - clomipramine
 - desipramine
 - doxepin
 - imipramine
 - nortriptyline
 - protriptyline
 - trimipramine

Do not take DEPROPIN if you are taking another medicine for depression called a monoamine oxidase inhibitor (MAOI) such as isocarboxazid, nialamide, phenelzine, hydracarbazine. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you are unsure as to whether or not you are taking a MAOI.

Do not take DEPROPIN if you are recovering from a recent heart attack. It may make your condition worse.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date printed on the pack or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering. If it has expired or is damaged, return it to your pharmacist for disposal.

If you are not sure whether you should start using this medicine, talk to your doctor.

- Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor if you have any allergies to any other medicines, foods or preservatives.

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, plan to become pregnant or breast-feeding. Your doctor will discuss with you the risks and benefits involved.

Tell your doctor if you have or have had any medical conditions, including:

- Heart problems, especially an irregular heart beat.
- Thyroid problems
- Glaucoma (high pressure in the eye)
- Impaired liver function or difficulty in passing urine.
- Impaired kidney function
- Any other mental illness, such as schizophrenia (a severe brain disorder in which people interpret reality abnormally) or manic depression (alternating periods of overactivity and depressed mood)
- Seizures (fits)

Tell your doctor if you plan to have surgery or if you are undergoing electroshock therapy (ECT, used in severe depression).

If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell him/her before you start taking DEPROPIN.

- Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you get without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines and DEPROPIN may interfere with each other. These include:

- Medicines for controlling high blood pressure (such as amlodipine and diltiazem)
- Medicines for allergy or cold (such as chlorpheniramine and diphenhydramine)
- Monoamine oxidase inhibitors (see When you must not take it)
- Other medicines for depression (such as fluoxetine and venlafaxine)
- Medicines used to control fits (such as phenytoin and carbamazepine)
- Medicines for sedation or anxiety (such as alprazolam and diazepam).
- Anticholinergic medicines, (such as hyoscine and atropine) which are used to relieve stomach cramps

These medicines may be affected by DEPROPIN or may affect how well it works. You may need different amounts of your medicines, or you may need to take different medicines.

If you not sure whether you are taking any of these medicines, check with your doctor or pharmacist.

Your doctor and pharmacist have more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while taking this medicine.

How to use DEPROPIN

Follow all directions given to you by your doctor and pharmacist carefully.

These directions may differ from the information contained in this leaflet.

If you do not understand the instructions on the pack, ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.

- How much to use

Your doctor will tell you how much DEPROPIN you need to take each day.

It is important that you take DEPROPIN as directed by your doctor. Do not take more than the recommended dose.

The usual starting dose is 25mg three times daily for one to two weeks. Your doctor may then increase your dose, up to a maximum of 200 mg per day.

Once your symptoms improve, your doctor will then slowly reduce your dose to the lowest effective dose which maintains relief of symptoms.

Elderly people over 65 years of age and those with liver or kidney problems may need smaller doses.

- When to use it

Taking each dose of DEPROPIN at the same time each day will have the best effect. It will also help you to remember when to take the medicine.

- How long to use it

Continue taking DEPROPIN for as long as your doctor recommends.

The length of treatment will depend on how quickly your symptoms improve.

Most medicines for depression take time to work, so do not be discouraged if you do not feel better right away.

Even when you feel well, you will usually have to take DEPROPIN for several months or longer, to make sure that the benefits last.

- If you forget to use it

If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the dose you missed and take your next dose when you are meant to.

Otherwise, take it as soon as you remember, and then go back to taking your tablets as you would normally.

Do not take a double dose to make up for the dose that you missed.

If you have trouble remembering to take your medicine, ask your pharmacist for some hints.

- If you use too much (overdose)

Immediately telephone your doctor for advice or go to Accident and Emergency (Casualty) at your nearest hospital if you think that you or anyone else may have taken too much DEPROPIN tablet.

Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

You may need urgent medical attention.

While you are using it

- Things you must do

If you are taking DEPROPIN for a long time, your doctor may ask you to have your eyes tested regularly.

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists who are treating you that you are taking DEPROPIN.

If you become pregnant while you are taking DEPROPIN tell your doctor immediately. Your doctor will discuss with you the risks and benefits involved.

If you are about to start taking any new medicines, tell your doctor and pharmacist that you are taking DEPROPIN.

Thoughts of harming yourself or suicide may be associated with DEPROPIN. Tell your doctor immediately if you have any suicidal thoughts or other mental/mood changes.

- Things you must not do

Do not stop taking your medicine or lower the dosage without checking with your doctor.

Your doctor may want you to gradually reduce the amount of DEPROPIN you are taking before stopping completely.

Do not take DEPROPIN 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

DEPROPIN may cause drowsiness in some people. Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how DEPROPIN affects you.

Be careful when drinking alcohol while taking DEPROPIN. Combining DEPROPIN and alcohol can make you more sleepy, dizzy or lightheaded.

Be careful if you are older than 65 years of age. Elderly people may become confused when taking DEPROPIN. Families and carers should be aware of this.

Side effects

All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not.

Ask for the advice of your doctor or pharmacist if you have any concerns about the effects of taking this medicine.

Do not be alarmed by the following lists of side effects. You may not experience any of them.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any of the following and they worry you:

- nausea, vomiting
- upset stomach
- constipation
- dry mouth
- drowsiness, weakness
- blurred vision

If any of the following happen, stop taking DEPROPIN and tell your doctor immediately or go to casualty at your nearest hospital:

- fast or irregular heart beat
- yellowing of the skin or eyes (jaundice)
- unusual bruising or bleeding
- severe dizziness, fainting or collapse
- seizures (fits)

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that is making you feel unwell. Other side effects 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 Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835550, or visiting the website portal.bpfk.gov.my (Consumers → Reporting).

Storage and Disposal of DEPROPIN

- Storage

Keep your medicine in its original packaging until it is time to take them.

If you take the tablets out of the pack, they may not keep well.

Keep your medicine in a place where the temperature will stay below 25°C. Protect from light.

Do not store your medicine, or any other medicine, in the bathroom or near a sink.

Do not leave it on a window sill or in the car.

Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

Keep it where children cannot reach it.

A locked cupboard at least one and a half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

- Disposal

If your doctor or pharmacist tells you to stop taking this medicine or it has passed its expiry date, ask your pharmacist what to do with any medicine that is left over.

Product Description

- What it looks like

DEPROPIN TABLET 25MG

A 7mm diameter round shaped tablet, apple green in colour with 'DUOMA/DUOMA' and 'DUO 861' markings.

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75MG
A 7mm diameter round
shaped tablet, blue in
colour with
'DUOMA/DUOMA' and
'DUO 861' markings.

Manufacturer
DUOPHARMA (M) SDN.
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Lot. 2599, Jalan Seruling 59,
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41200 Klang, Selangor Darul
Ehsan, Malaysia.

- **Ingredients**

Active ingredient:

DEPROPIN TABLET
25MG
Each tablet contains 25mg
dothiepin hydrochloride

DEPROPIN TABLET
75MG
Each tablet contains 75mg
dothiepin hydrochloride

Inactive ingredients:

DEPROPIN TABLET
25MG

- Promigel
- Blue colouring
- Lactose
- Aerosil
- Yellow colouring
- Cornstarch
- Polyvinylpyrrolidone
- Magnesium stearate

DEPROPIN TABLET
75MG

- Promigel
- Blue colouring
- Lactose
- Aerosil
- Cornstarch
- Polyvinylpyrrolidone
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- **MAL number**

DEPROPIN TABLET
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MAL20012730A

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75MG
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