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Package Leaflet: Information for the User

Allopurinol 100mg, 200mg and 300mg Tablets

Allopurinol

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it onto others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

What is in this leaflet:

1. What Allopurinol is and what it is used for
2. What you need to know before you take Allopurinol
3. How to take Allopurinol
4. Possible side effects
5. How to store Allopurinol
6. Contents of the pack and other information

1. WHAT ALLOPURINOL IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR

Allopurinol tablets contain a medicine called allopurinol. It works by slowing down the speed of certain chemical reactions in your body to lower the level of uric acid in the blood and urine.

Allopurinol is used:

- to reduce or prevent the formation of urate/uric acid deposition in conditions where your body produces too much of a substance called uric acid. These may include gout or some types of kidney stones or certain other types of kidney problems or when you are having treatment for cancer or some other conditions. In gout the uric acid builds up in your joints and tendons as crystals. These crystals cause an inflammatory reaction. The inflammation causes the skin around certain joints to become swollen, tender and sore when only slightly touched. You can also find you get severe pain when the joint is moved.

2. WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU TAKE ALLOPURINOL

Do not take Allopurinol if:

- you are allergic (hypersensitive) to allopurinol or any of the other ingredients of Allopurinol (listed in Section 6).

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

Warnings and Precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking your medicine if:

- you are of Han Chinese, African or Indian origin
- you have problems with your liver or kidneys. Your doctor may give you a lower dose or ask you to take it less often than each day. They will also monitor you more closely.
- you have heart problems or high blood pressure and you take diuretics and/or a medicine called ACE-inhibitors.
- you are currently having an attack of gout.
- you have thyroid problems.

Take special care with Allopurinol:

- Serious skin rashes (Hypersensitivity syndrome, Stevens Johnson syndrome, toxic epidermal necrolysis) have been reported in patients taking allopurinol. Frequently, the rash can involve ulcers of the mouth, throat, nose, genitals and conjunctivitis (red and swollen eyes). These serious skin rashes are often preceded by influenza-like symptoms fever, headache, body ache (flu-like symptoms). The rash may progress to widespread blistering and peeling of the skin. These serious skin reactions can be more common in people of Han Chinese, Thai or Korean origin. Chronic kidney disease may increase the risk in these patients additionally. If you develop a rash or these skin symptoms, stop taking allopurinol and contact your doctor immediately.
- If you have cancer or Lesch-Nyhan

3. HOW TO TAKE ALLOPURINOL

Always take Allopurinol exactly as your doctor has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Take the tablet after food and swallow it with a glass of water.

The recommended dose ranges from 100 to 900 mg each day. You will usually start on a low dose, which will be increased if necessary.

If you are an older person or if you have reduced liver or kidney function, your doctor may prescribe a lower dose or to take it at longer intervals. If you have dialysis two or three times a week, your doctor may prescribe a dose of 300 or 400 mg which is to be taken straight after your dialysis.

Use in children (under 15 years)

The usual dose ranges from 100 to 400 mg each day.

If you take more Allopurinol than you should

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contact a doctor or go to hospital straight away. Take the medicine pack with you. Signs of an overdose may include nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea and dizziness.

If you forget to take Allopurinol

If you forget a dose, take it as soon as you remember it. 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 stop taking Allopurinol

Do not stop taking your Allopurinol without talking to your doctor. If you have any further questions on the use of this product, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. The following side effects may happen with this medicine:

Hypersensitivity

Uncommon (may affect less than 1 in 100 people)

If you have a hypersensitivity (allergic) reaction, stop taking Allopurinol and see a doctor straight way.

The signs may include:

- flaking skin, boils or sore lips and mouth
- very rarely signs may include sudden wheeziness, fluttering or tightness in the chest and collapse.

Rare (may affect less than 1 in 1000 people)

- fever and chills, headache, aching muscles (flu-like symptoms) and generally feeling unwell
- serious hypersensitivity reactions involving fever, skin rash, joint pain, and abnormalities in blood and liver function tests (these may be signs of a multi-organ sensitivity disorder).
- bleeding in the lips, eyes, mouth, nose or genitals.
- any changes to your skin, for example: ulcers of the mouth, throat, nose, genitals, conjunctivitis (red and swollen eyes), widespread blisters or peeling.

Very rare (may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people)

- serious allergic reaction which causes swelling of the face or throat
- serious potentially life-threatening allergic reaction Do not take any more tablets unless your doctor tells you to do so.

Other side effects

Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)

- skin rash
- increased level of thyroid stimulating hormone in the blood.

Uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)

- feeling sick (nausea) or being sick (vomiting)
- abnormal liver tests.

Rare (may affect up to 1 in 1000 people)

- liver problems such as liver inflammation

Very rare (may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people)

- occasionally Allopurinol tablets may affect your blood, which can manifest as bruising more easily than usual, or you may develop a sore throat or other signs of an infection. These effects usually occur in people with liver or kidney problems. Tell your doctor as soon as possible.
- Allopurinol may affect the lymph nodes
- high temperature
- blood in your urine (haematuria)
- high levels of cholesterol in your blood (hyperlipidaemia)
- a general feeling of being unwell or feeling weak
- weakness, numbness, unsteadiness on your feet, feeling unable to move muscles (paralysis) or loss of consciousness
- headache, dizziness, drowsiness or disturbance of your vision
- chest pain (angina), high blood pressure or a slow pulse
- male infertility or erectile dysfunction
- enlargement of the breasts, in men as well as women
- a change in your normal bowel habit
- a change in taste
- cataracts
- hair loss or discolouration
- depression
- lack of voluntary coordination of muscle movements (ataxia)
- sensation of tingling, tickling, prickling or burning of skin (paraesthesia)
- build up of fluid leading to swelling (oedema) particularly of your ankles

5. HOW TO STORE ALLOPURINOL

- KEEP OUT OF THE SIGHT AND REACH OF CHILDREN.
- This medicinal product does not require any special storage condition.
- Do not take after the expiry date shown on the packaging.
- REMEMBER this medicine was prescribed for you. You should not give it to anyone else even if you think their symptoms are similar.
- If you are told to stop taking this medicine, take any tablets which you haven't finished back to your pharmacist to be destroyed safely. Only keep the tablets if the doctor tells you to.
- Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.
- If the tablets show any signs of deterioration check with your pharmacist who will advise you what to do.

6. CONTENTS OF THE PACK AND OTHER INFORMATION

What Allopurinol contains

- The active substance is Allopurinol.
- The tablets also contain Starch, Pregelatinised, Lactose Monohydrate, Crospovidone Type B, Povidone PVP K30, Isopropyl Alcohol, Crospovidone Type B Silica, Colloidal Anhydrous, and Magnesium Stearate.

What Allopurinol looks like and contents of the pack

Allopurinol Tablets contain 100, 200 or 300mg Allopurinol.

Each Allopurinol 100 mg tablet is white to off white colored, flat faced bevelled edged, round tablets free from physical defects, debossed with "0" and "21" on either side of breakline and "100" on the other side. The breakline is only to facilitate breaking for ease of swallowing and not to divide the tablet into equal doses.

Each Allopurinol 200 mg tablet is white to off white colored, biconvex, round tablets free from physical defects, debossed with "B2" on one side and plain on the other side.

Each Allopurinol 300 mg tablet is white to off white colored, flat faced bevelled edged, round tablets debossed with "300" and "020" on either side of breakline and plain on other side. The breakline is only to facilitate breaking for ease of swallowing and not to divide the tablet into equal doses.

The tablets are available as blister packs of 28, 56 or 100 tablets.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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