# Andep<sup>®</sup>

## Sertraline BP



## **Presentations**

Andep® 25: Each tablet contains Sertraline Hydrochloride BP 28.0 mg equivalent to Sertraline 25 mg.

Andep® 50: Each tablet contains Sertraline Hydrochloride BP 56.0 mg equivalent to Sertraline 50 mg.

Andep® 100: Each tablet contains Sertraline Hydrochloride BP 112.0 mg equivalent to Sertraline 100 mg.

#### Indications

- Depressive illness
- · Obsessive compulsive disorder
- Post-traumatic stress disorder

## **Dosage and Administration**

Depressive illness:

Initially 50 mg daily, increased if necessary by increment of 50 mg over several weeks to max. 200 mg daily; usual maintenance dose is 50 mg daily;

Not recommended for children

#### Obsessive compulsive disorder:

ADULT and ADOLESCENT over 13 years: Initially 50 mg daily, increased if necessary in steps of 50 mg over several weeks; usual dose range 50-200 mg daily:

CHILD 6-12 years: Initially 25 mg daily, increased to 50 mg daily after 1 week, further increased if necessary in steps of 50 mg at intervals of at least 1 week (max. 200 mg daily);

CHILD under 6 years: Not recommended.

#### Post-traumatic stress disorder:

Initially 25 mg daily, increased after 1 week to 50 mg daily; if the response is partial and if the drug is tolerated, dose is increased in steps of 50 mg over several weeks to maximum 200 mg daily.

#### Precautions

Sertraline should be used with caution in patients with epilepsy, concurrent electroconvulsive therapy, history of mania, cardiac disease, diabetes mellitus, angle-closure glaucoma, history of bleeding disorders, hepatic and renal impairment, pregnancy and breast-feeding. SSRIs may also impair performance of skilled tasks. Abrupt withdrawal of SSRIs should be avoided

#### Side Effects

Side effects which occurred significantly more frequently with sertraline include nausea, diarrhoea/loose stools, anorexia, dyspepsia, tremor, dizziness, insomnia, somnolence, increased sweating, dry mouth and sexual dysfunction (principally ejaculatory delay in males).

## Contraindications

Sertraline is contraindicated in patients entering manic phase.

## **Drug Interaction**

Sertraline should not be used in combination with a MAOI. Sertraline may be started 14 days after discontinuing treatment with the reversible MAOI. Atleast 14 days should elapse after discontinuing sertraline treatment before starting a MAOI.

## **Use in Pregnancy and Lactation**

Sertraline should be avoided during pregnancy and lactation.

## Commercial Pack

**Andep**® **25:** Each box contains 5x10's tablets in blister pack.

**Andep**® **50:** Each box contains 5x10's tablets in blister pack.

**Andep**® **100:** Each box contains 3x10's tablets in blister pack.

## Storage

Store at temperature not exceeding 30 °C in a dry place. Protect from light.

Medicine: Keep out of reach of children



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