

DESIPRAMINE

Patient information leaflet

Dear patient, please read the following instructions carefully. They contain important information about the use of this medicine. If you have any further questions, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

What you should know about DESIPRAMINE

DESIPRAMINE belongs to the family of drugs called tricyclic antidepressants. It works by adjusting an imbalance in the brain's chemical messengers.

DESIPRAMINE is an antidepressant drug used in the treatment of depression. It is used to relieve symptoms of depression such as feeling of sadness, worthlessness, or guilt; changes in appetite, sleepiness, insomnia and thoughts of death or suicide.

When to use DESIPRAMINE

DESIPRAMINE is recommended for the treatment of depression.

DESIPRAMINE is also used occasionally to treat bulimia and attention deficit disorders, and to help cocaine withdrawal.

How to take DESIPRAMINE

Take **DESIPRAMINE** as prescribed by your doctor.

DESIPRAMINE must be taken regularly for a few weeks before its full effect is felt.

Strictly follow the treatment, do not modify it, and do not stop it suddenly without informing your doctor.

How long to take DESIPRAMINE

Your doctor will decide the duration of treatment. You may require continuous treatment for quite some time.

What to do in case of missed dose

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember unless the next intake is near. Go on taking DESIPRAMINE in the dose your doctor recommended. Do not take a double to make up for a missed dose.

What to do in case of overdose

In case of intake of an accidental or voluntary overdose, inform your doctor immediately.

An overdose of this drug may be fatal. Symptoms of overdose may include agitation, confusion, convulsions, drowsiness, hallucinations, irregular heartbeat and severely low blood pressure.

When not to use this medication

Do not use this medication in case of hypersensitivity to the drug, if you are given with or within 2 weeks antidepressant drugs known as MAO inhibitors, if you have had a recent heart attack, if you have glaucoma or a tendency to urinary retention.

Precautions when taking this medication

- Tell your doctor if you have or ever had glaucoma, difficulty urinating, diabetes, seizures, or a thyroid, heart, liver or kidney disease.
- If you are having surgery, including dental surgery, tell your doctor or dentist that you are taking DESIPRAMINE.
- You should know that this medication might make you drowsy. Use caution when driving or operating machinery.
- Remember that alcohol can add the drowsiness caused by this medication, do not drink alcohol when taking it.

- This medication may increase your skin's sensitivity to sunlight. Overexposure could cause rash, itching, redness, or sunburn. Avoid direct sunlight or wear protective clothing.
- This medication is not recommended for use in children.
- Inform your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to be pregnant, or if you are breast-feeding.

What kind of undesirable effects may occur

Side effects cannot be anticipated. If any develop or change in intensity, inform your doctor. Unpleasant effects include drowsiness, constipation, blurred vision, dry mouth, high or low blood pressure. Rarely were mentioned anorexia, perspiration, hallucinations, insomnia, palpitations, headache, dizziness and skin rashes.

What to do if DESIPRAMINE is taken with other medicines

Please notify your doctor at all events if other medicines, beside **DESIPRAMINE**, are being taken or have been taken recently.

It is especially important to check with your doctor before combining **DESIPRAMINE** with the antidepressants especially MAO inhibitors and SSRI such as fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, and other drugs such as carbamazepine, clonidine, cimetidine, guanethidine, quinidine, sultopride and tolazamide.

How to store DESIPRAMINE

Store in a cool place (25°C) protected from sunlight and excessive heat, beyond the reach of children.

The expiry date of this medicine is printed on the pack, don't use this medicine after this date.

Pack presentation

DESIPRAMINE 50 mg, pack of 40 tablets.