

## DICLORETARD®

**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.**

### **Information about DICLORETARD**

Each capsule of DICLORETARD contains 100 mg of diclofenac sodium slow release microgranules.

DICLORETARD is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID). It has anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and antipyretic activity.

DICLORETARD is used for the relief of pain and inflammation in conditions such as osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, spondylarthritis, painful syndromes of the vertebral column, acute attacks of gout, post-traumatic and postoperative pain, inflammation, and swelling, and dysmenorrhea.

### **The way to take DICLORETARD**

Take DICLORETARD as directed by your physician. Do not discontinue the treatment without consulting your doctor.

The usual recommended dosage for adults is 1 capsule (100 mg) daily with food. In some cases, the dose may be increased up to 1 capsule twice daily (200 mg daily).

### **In case of overdose**

In case of intake of high doses of this medication, inform your doctor at once and seek emergency medical attention. General measures should be adopted.

### **In case of missed dose**

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember unless the next intake is near. Go on taking the next scheduled dose as directed. Do not take a double dose at once.

### **Contraindications**

This drug is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to diclofenac, aspirin or other NSAIDs.

### **Precautions**

- If you are pregnant or nursing contact your doctor about the use of diclofenac. This drug should not be used during the third trimester of pregnancy and during lactation.
- This drug should be used with caution in patients with compromised cardiac function, hypertension, peptic ulcer, asthma, liver or renal disease.
- Periodic renal and hepatic blood laboratory tests must be performed in patients receiving long-term therapy with this drug.

### **Association with other medications**

Please inform your doctor if other medicines are being taken or have been taken recently. Concomitant administration of diclofenac and aspirin is not recommended.

This drug should be used with caution with other NSAIDs, oral anticoagulants, digoxin, methotrexate, cyclosporine, lithium, antidiabetics and diuretics.

### **Side effects**

The most reported side effects include abdominal pain, headache, fluid retention, diarrhea, nausea, liver test abnormalities, peptic ulcer, dizziness, rash, pruritis, hypertension, drowsiness, or asthma.

Inform your doctor if any of these effects persists or becomes bothersome.

### **Storage**

Store at controlled room temperature (up to 30°C), protected from sunlight and humidity, beyond the reach of children.

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

### **Pack presentation**

DICLORETARD, diclofenac sodium slow release microgranules 100 mg, pack of 20 capsules.

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