

AVOGRA 50MG TABLET

Sildenafil citrate 70.25mg, equivalent to Sildenafil 50mg



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What Avogra is used for:

The name of your medicine is Avogra 50mg Tablet (called 'Avogra' in this leaflet).

Avogra is a treatment for men with erectile dysfunction, sometimes known as impotence. This is when a man cannot get, or keep a hard, erect penis suitable for sexual activity. You should not take Avogra if you do not have erectile dysfunction. You should not take Avogra if you are a woman.

How Avogra works:

Avogra contains the active substance sildenafil which belongs to a group of medicines called phosphodiesterase type 5 (PDE 5) inhibitors.

It works by helping to relax the blood vessels in your penis, allowing blood to flow into your penis when you get sexually excited. Avogra will only help you to get an erection if you are sexually stimulated.

Before you use Avogra

When you must not use it:

Do not take this medicine and tell your doctor if:

- If you are taking medicines containing nitrates, or nitric oxide donors such as amyl nitrites. These medicines are often given for relief of chest pain (angina pectoris). Avogra can cause a serious increase in the effects of these medicines. Tell your doctor if you are taking any of these medicines. If you are not certain, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- If you are allergic (hypersensitive) to sildenafil or any of the other ingredients of Avogra.

- If you have a severe heart or liver problem.
- If you have recently had a stroke or a heart attack, or if you have low blood pressure.
- If you have certain eye problems (such as sensitivity to light and low vision).
- If you have ever had loss of vision because of certain ailments

Before you start to use it:

Check with your doctor or pharmacist before taking this medicine:

- if you have problems of red blood cells, leukaemia (cancer of blood cells), cancer of bone marrow or any disease or deformity of your penis. These conditions may require special care when taking medicines for erectile dysfunction.
- if you have problems with your heart. Your doctor should in that case carefully check whether your heart can take the additional strain of having sex.
- if you currently have a stomach ulcer, or a bleeding disorder (such as haemophilia).
- if you experience sudden decrease or loss of vision, stop taking Avogra and contact your doctor immediately.

You should not use Avogra with any other treatment for your erectile dysfunction

Special considerations for children:

Avogra should not be given to children under the age of 18.

Special considerations for patients with kidney or liver problems:

You should tell your doctor if you have kidney or liver problems. Your doctor may decide on a lower dose for you.

Taking other medicines:

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken other medicines, including medicines obtained without prescription.

Avogra may interfere with some medicines, especially those used to treat chest pain. In the event of a medical emergency, you should tell anyone treating your condition that you have taken Avogra. Do not take Avogra with other medicines unless your doctor tells you that you can.

Avogra may cause a serious increase in the effects of medicines called nitrates, and nitric oxide donors such as amyl nitrites. These are often used for the relief of chest pain. You should NOT take Avogra if you are taking these medicines.

If you are taking protease inhibitors, such as for the treatment of HIV, your doctor may start you on the lowest dose (25 mg) of Avogra.

Some patients who take alpha-blocker therapy for the treatment of high blood pressure or prostate problems may experience dizziness or light-headedness upon standing. These are symptoms of postural hypotension which is low blood pressure upon sitting or standing up quickly. Certain patients have experienced these symptoms when taking Avogra with alpha-blockers. This is most likely to occur within 4 hours after taking Avogra. In order to reduce the likelihood that these symptoms occur, you should be on a regular daily dose of your alpha-blocker before you start Avogra. Your doctor may start you on a 25 mg dose of Avogra.

How to use Avogra

How much to use?:

Always follow the dose prescribed by your doctor. In any case, you should not use Avogra more than once a day.

When to use it?:

You should take Avogra about one hour before sexual activity. Swallow the tablet whole with some water.

If you have the impression that the effect of Avogra is too strong or too weak, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

Avogra will only help you to get an erection if you are sexually stimulated.

How long to use it?:

The time period for taking Avogra depends on your doctor's instruction. Hence, follow your doctor's instruction.

If you forget to use it:

Just skip the dose for that day.

If you take too much (overdose):

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You should not take more tablets than your doctor tells you to. If you took too much Avogra, call your doctor or Poison Control Center, or go to the nearest hospital emergency room right away.

While you are using Avogra

Things you must do:

- You should take Avogra about one hour before you plan to have sex.
- Swallow the tablets whole with a glass of water
- Do not take more than once a day.
- Avogra can cause dizziness and can affect vision. You should be aware of how you react to Avogra. before you drive or use machinery.

If you have any further questions on the use of this product, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Things you must not do:

Never take more tablets than your doctor tells you to.

Things to be careful of:

- The amount of time Avogra takes to work varies from person to person, but it normally takes between half an hour to one hour. You may find that Avogra takes longer to work if you take it with a heavy meal.
- Drinking alcohol can temporarily impair the ability to get an erection. To get the maximum benefit from your medicine, you are advised not to drink large amounts of alcohol before taking Avogra.
- If Avogra does not help you to get an erection, or if your erection does not last long enough for you to complete sexual intercourse you should tell your doctor.

Side effects

Like all medicines, Avogra can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. The side effects reported are usually mild to moderate and of a short duration.

The most common side effects are dizziness, effects on vision (including colour distortion, increased sensitivity to light and blurred vision), stuffy nose, pounding heartbeat, or facial flushing.

The uncommon side-effects are: rhinitis, allergic reactions, sleepy, numbness, bloodshot eyes, eye pain, vomiting, skin rash, or rapid heartbeat. Partial, sudden, temporary, or permanent decrease or loss of vision in one or both eyes have been reported.

Also, the following uncommon side-effects been reported: irregular heartbeat, chest pain, fatigue, vertigo, ringing in the ears, high blood pressure, low blood pressure, abdominal pain, dry mouth, skin rashes and muscle aches.

Prolonged and sometimes painful erections have been reported after taking Avogra. If you have such an erection which lasts continuously for more than 4 hours, you should contact a doctor immediately. Most, but not all of these men had heart problems before taking this medicine. It is not possible to determine whether these events were directly related to Avogra.

If you have chest pains during or after intercourse you should not use nitrates but you should contact your doctor immediately.

If any of the side effects get serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet please tell your doctor.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by visiting the website nptra.gov.my [Consumers → Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)]

Storage and disposal of Avogra

Storage:

- Keep out of the reach and sight of children.
- Do not use Avogra after the expiry date refers to the last day on the carton. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.
- Store in the original pack in a dry place at or below 30°C.
- Do not use Avogra if the tablets are chipped or there are other visible signs of deterioration.

Disposal:

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.

Product Description

What it looks like?:

The tablet is a white oval-shaped film coated tablet; imprinted with "526" on one side and 'NK' on the other side.

Ingredients in AVOGRA

Active ingredients: Sildenafil citrate

Inactive ingredients:

Microcrystalline cellulose, Dibasic Calcium Phosphate Anhydrous, Croscarmellose Sodium, Magnesium stearate, Hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, lactose monohydrate, Glycerol Triacetate, Titanium Dioxide and solvent alcohol and purified water.

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