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Linezolid 600 mg

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What ZINOX is used for

ZINOX is an antibiotic. It is used to treat pneumonia, skin infections, and some bacterial infections that are resistant to other antibiotics.

How ZINOX works

ZINOX stops or slows the growth of bacterial cells.

Before you use ZINOX

- *When you must not use it*

Do not use ZINOX if you
- are allergic to linezolid or any other ingredients in this product
- are taking or have taken within the last 2 weeks any medicines known as monoamine oxidase inhibitors (e.g. phenelzine, isocarboxazid)
- have uncontrolled hypertension (high blood pressure)
- have pheochromocytoma (adrenal gland tumor)
- have thyrotoxicosis (excessive thyroid hormone)
- have carcinoid syndrome (signs and symptoms that occur secondary to carcinoid tumours)
- If you are taking any of the following medicines
  - pseudoephedrine
  - phenylpropanolamine
  - epinephrine
  - norepinephrine
  - dopamine
  - dobutamine
  - serotonin re-uptake inhibitors
  - tricyclic antidepressants
  - serotonin 5-HT1 receptor agonists
  - meperidine
  - buspirone

Pregnancy and lactation

The effect of ZINOX in pregnant women is not known. Therefore, it should not be taken in pregnancy unless advised by your doctor

It is not known if linezolid is excreted in human milk. Do not take ZINOX if you are breast-feeding. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

- *Before you start to use it*

Talk to your doctor before taking ZINOX if you
- are at increased risk for bleeding
- have a pre-existing condition called myelosuppression in which your bone marrow activity is decreased
- are on medications that may decrease hemoglobin levels or platelet count
- have a history of seizures or have risk factors for seizures
- are taking any serotonergic agents, including antidepressants such as selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs)
- are at high risk for life threatening systemic infections, such as those with infections related to central venous catheters in intensive care units

- *Taking other medicines*

Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you buy without a prescription from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

ZINOX should not be taken with the following medicines:
- Monoamine oxidase inhibitors (e.g. phenelzine, isocarboxazid) in the last two weeks
- Sympathomimetic agents (e.g. pseudoephedrine, phenylpropanolamine)
- Vasopressive agents (e.g. epinephrine, norepinephrine)
- Dopaminergic agents (e.g. dopamine, dobutamine)
- Rifampin
- Serotonin re-uptake inhibitors
- Tricyclic antidepressants
- Serotonin 5-HT1 receptor agonists
- Meperidine or buspirone

How to use ZINOX

- *How much to use*

Follow all directions given to you by your doctor and pharmacist carefully. They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet. If you do not understand the instructions on the label, ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.

Recommended dosage for adults and adolescents (12 years and above):

Infection	Dosage	Recommended Duration of Treatment (consecutive days)
Complicated skin and skin structure infections	600 mg every 12 hours	10-14
Community-acquired pneumonia, including concurrent bacteremia		
Nosocomial pneumonia		
Vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus faecium* infections, including concurrent bacteremia	600 mg every 12 hours	14-28
Uncomplicated skin and skin structure infections	Adults: 400 mg every 12 hours Adolescents: 600 mg every 12 hours	10-14

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Recommended dosage for pediatric patients (birth through 11 years):

Infection	Dosage	Recommended Duration of Treatment (consecutive days)
Complicated skin and skin structure infections	10 mg/kg every 8 hours	10-14
Community-acquired pneumonia, including concurrent bacteremia		
Nosocomial pneumonia		
Vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus faecium* infections, including concurrent bacteremia	10 mg/kg every 8 hours	14-28
Uncomplicated skin and skin structure infections	Below 5 years: 10 mg/kg every 8 hours 5-11 years: 10 mg/kg every 12 hours	10-14

- *When to use it*

  Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

- *How long to use it*

  Continue taking for as long as your doctor recommends.

- *If you forget to use it*

  Consult your doctor or pharmacist on what you should do if you forget to use it.

  Take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to take the medicine and skip the missed dose. Do not take a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

- *If you use too much (overdose)*

  Contact your doctor immediately or go to the Emergency Department of your nearest hospital, if you think you or anyone else may have taken too much of this medicine. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.

While you are using it

- *Things you must do*

  Take your medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.

  Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are taking ZINOX.

  Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while taking this medication.

- *Things you must not do*

  Do not stop taking the medicine unless advised by your doctor.

  Do not take any new medicines without consulting your doctor.

  Do not give ZINOX to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

- *Things to be careful of*

  Driving and using machines

  This medicine may affect your ability to drive or use machines. If it makes you feel sick, dizzy or tired, or give you a headache, do not drive or use machines and contact your doctor immediately.

Side effects

Like all medicines, ZINOX can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

You may develop diarrhoea while taking or after taking ZINOX. If this becomes severe or persistent or you notice that your stool contains blood or mucus, you should stop taking ZINOX immediately and consult your doctor.

If you take ZINOX for longer periods you may get problems with your vision such as blurred vision, changes in colour vision, difficulty in seeing detail or if your field of vision becomes restricted.

Other side effects some patients have experienced while taking ZINOX are:

- Abdominal pain/cramps/distension
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Moniliasis (yeast infection)
- Abnormal blood tests
- Abnormal liver function tests
- Headache
- Taste alteration
- Reversible anemia
- Sideroblastic anaemia (a form of anemia in which the bone marrow produces ringed sideroblasts)
- Leucopenia (decrease number of white blood cells)
- Thrombocytopenia (decrease number of platelets)
- Pancytopenia (decrease number of red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets)
- Optic neuropathy (loss of vision due to damage to the optic nerve)
- Anaphylaxis (serious allergic reaction)
- Lactic acidosis
- Peripheral neuropathy
- Convulsions
- Rash
- Angioedema (swelling of the skin and mucous membranes)
- Tongue discoloration
- Bullous skin disorders (e.g. Stevens Johnson syndrome, toxic epidermal necrolysis)
- Superficial tooth discoloration.

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Visit your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you experience any side effects after taking this medicine.

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

Storage and Disposal of ZINOX

- *Storage*

  Keep out of the reach of children.

  Store below 30°C. Protect from light.

  Do not take the tablets after the expiry date shown on the pack and blister.

- *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*

  ZINOX tablets are white to off white, oblong-shaped film coated tablet with "Pharmaniaga logo" on one side and plain on the other side.

- *Ingredients*

  - Active ingredient:
    Each film-coated tablet contains Linezolid 600mg

  - Inactive ingredients:
    Microcrystalline cellulose, maize starch, hydroxypropyl cellulose, sodium starch glycolate, magnesium stearate, opadry Y-1-7000 white and purified water.

- *MAL number:*
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