AXCEL ATENOLOL TABLETS

Atenolol (50mg & 100mg)

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WHAT AXCEL ATENOLOL TABLETS IS USED FOR

Axcel Atenolol Tablets is used for

- Control of high blood pressure
- Management of chest pain
- Control of irregular heartbeat
- Treatment of heart attack. Early and late intervention.

HOW AXCEL ATENOLOL TABLETS WORKS

Atenolol is a beta-blocker, where the mode of action in the treatment of high blood pressure is unclear. It is probably the action of atenolol in reducing heart rate and contractility which makes it effective in eliminating or reducing the symptoms of patients with chest pain. Early intervention with atenolol in heart attack helps to reduce the size of area of dying heart tissues.

BEFORE YOU USE AXCEL ATENOLOL TABLETS

When you must not use it

Do not take Axcel Atenolol Tablets if:

- If you are allergic or hypersensitive to any component of this medication.
- If you have very slow heartbeat; your heart unable to pump as much blood as the body needs; low blood pressure; severe peripheral arterial circulatory disturbances (in which narrowed arteries reduced blood flow to your limbs); second or third degree heart block; sick sinus syndrome (a collection of abnormal heart rhythm); untreated phaeochromocytoma (rare tumor of adrenal gland tissue); uncontrolled heart failure.

Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor if:

- If you are pregnant or breast feeding.
- If you have impaired respiratory function.
- If you have kidney impairment.

Taking other medicines

You should tell your doctor if you are taking any medicines as it may interact with your Axcel Atenolol Tablets.

HOW TO USE AXCEL ATENOLOL TABLETS

How much to use

The dose must always be adjusted to individual requirements of the patients, with the lowest possible starting dosage.

Adults

High Blood Pressure

The usual dose is 50mg to 100mg, once a day.

Chest Pain (Angina)

The usual dose is 100mg once a day, or 50mg twice a day.

Irregular heartbeat

The usual dose is 50mg to 100mg, once a day.

After a heart attack

You will normally be started on Atenolol in hospital after a heart attack, normally by intravenous injection.

15 minutes after the injection you will normally be given one 50mg tablet, followed by another 50mg tablet 12 hours after the intravenous injection, and then after a further 12 hours, 100mg tablet will be given orally. You will then need to take 100mg once a day thereafter.

If you present to the hospital some days after suffering a heart attack, you will be started on 100mg tablet once a day for long-term prevention of heart attack.

Elderly Patients

Dosage requirements may be reduced especially in patients with impaired renal function.

Children

There is no paediatric experience with atenolol and for this reason it is not recommended for use in children.

Renal Failure

If you have severe renal impairment, your doctor will reduce the dose of atenolol based on your renal function.

When to use it

Your doctor will decide when it is appropriate for you to take Axcel Atenolol Tablets according to the type of medical condition you have.

How long to use it

Follow any recommendations and advices from your doctor or pharmacist.

If you forget to use it

Do not double up the dosage as Axcel Atenolol Tablets may give you unacceptable side effects.

If you use too much (overdose)

You must inform your doctor immediately if you have taken too much Axcel Atenolol Tablets.

WHILE YOU ARE USING IT

Things you must do

- Discuss with your doctor or pharmacist the dos' and don'ts' while taking this medicine.
- Tell your doctor if unexpectedly you need to take any other medicines.
- Take the Axcel Atenolol Tablets according to the recommended dosage.
- Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you experience any side effects that are not listed in this leaflet.

Things you must not do

- Do not take your medicine more than the suggested frequency in a day.

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- Do not over dosage the medicine during any single consumption.

Things to be careful of

- Avoid prolonged use with high dosage.
- No driving or operating machinery when feeling drowsy after taking the medicine.

SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines, Axcel Atenolol Tablets can cause side effects although not everybody gets them. You are advised to consult doctor/ pharmacist for further information. The following common side effects have been reported:

- Very slow heartbeat
- Cold hands and feet
- Gastrointestinal disturbances
- Feeling weak, tired or lacking energy

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835550, or visiting the website portal.bpfk.gov.my (Consumers -> Reporting).

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF AXCEL ATENOLOL TABLETS

Storage

Keep Axcel Atenolol Tablets out of reach of children.

Store below 30ºC. Keep container well closed and protect from light.

Disposal

Do not use after the expiry date which is stated on the label.

Do not throw them away with your normal household water or 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

Axcel Atenolol-50 Tablets

Off white round shaped, film coated tablet, with scoreline on one side and marked "Kotra" on the other.

Axcel Atenolol-100 Tablets

Orange round shaped, film coated tablet, with scoreline on one side and marked with "Kotra" on the other.

Ingredients

Active Ingredient (s):

Atenolol

Inactive Ingredients:

Magnesium Carbonate Heavy, Corn Starch, Sodium Lauryl Sulphate, Pregelatinised Corn Starch, Magnesium Stearate, Purified Water and Coating Agent (Opadry II White or Opadry II Orange).

MAL Number

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MANUFACTURER AND PRODUCT REGISTRATION HOLDER

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