

APO-Carvedilol 6.25mg and 25mg Tablets

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What is the medication for

APO-CARVEDILOL is used to reduce hypertension (high blood pressure), to treat chest pain (angina) and to treat heart failure.

How it works

APO-CARVEDILOL belongs to a class of drugs called beta-blockers/alpha blockers. It acts by blocking the action of certain chemicals (hormones) on the heart and the blood vessels and affects, amongst other things, the heart rate and the heart's workload.

Before you use**When you must not take it**

You should not take this medicine if you are pregnant or if you plan on being pregnant unless the doctor tells you to.

Do not use APO-CARVEDILOL if you are allergic to it or any of the components of its formulation (see list of component at the end of this section). If you become unwell while taking APO-CARVEDILOL, tell your doctor at once.

Before you start to take it

Tell Your Doctor

- All your medical conditions, including a history of heart, kidney or liver problems, asthma or breathing difficulties;
- If you suffer from diabetes, thyroid problems, Raynaud's phenomenon (coldness/spasm in the hand or feet) or

cramping pains in the leg when exercising;

- If you suffer or have suffered from psoriasis (scaly red patches on the skin);
- If you see another physician other than your heart doctor for another condition tell this physician that you are taking APO-CARVEDILOL;
- If you are pregnant or thinking about becoming pregnant, or if you are breast feeding.

Taking other medicines

Tell Your Doctor

- Any medications (prescription or non prescription) which you are taking, especially anti-hypertensives, digoxin, insulin, hypoglycaemics, stomach medication, tricyclic antidepressants, clonidine and rifampin;
- Tell the doctor if you change the amount of any other medicine you are taking;

How to take**How much to take**

It is very important that you take APO-CARVEDILOL exactly as your doctor has instructed. The doctor will decide how many tablets you need to take each day, when and for how long. It may be necessary for the doctor to increase or decrease the dose.

You should swallow the tablets whole with water. Do not chew or break your tablet.

When to take it

Take your tablets at the same time each day. You should take APO-CARVEDILOL with food.

How long to take it

Do NOT stop taking APO-CARVEDILOL without first consulting with your doctor.

If you forget to take it

If you forget to take a tablet, take it as soon as you remember. If

possible, take your next dose at the normal time, but do not take two doses within 6 hours of each other.

If you miss more than two doses of APO-CARVEDILOL, contact your doctor for instructions. Do not restart APO-CARVEDILOL until you have spoken to the doctor.

If you take too much (overdose)

If you have taken more tablets than the recommended dose, tell your doctor or the nearest hospital emergency department immediately. Show the doctor your bottle of tablets and any other medications you are taking.

While you are using it**Things you must do**

None

Things you must not do

None

Things to be careful of

If you experience dizziness or fatigue while taking your tablets do not drive or operate machinery. You should be especially careful when starting or changing the dose of APO-CARVEDILOL. APO-CARVEDILOL should not be taken with alcohol.

Side effects

Some people may have unwanted effects when taking APO-CARVEDILOL. Dizziness, headache and tiredness are the most common and often occur when APO-CARVEDILOL is started or when the dose of APO-CARVEDILOL is changed. These symptoms generally go away with continued use. If they do not or appear to become more severe, then tell your doctor.

Other possible effects are; stomach complaints such as diarrhea, constipation, nausea and vomiting, allergic reaction such as rashes and hot or itching skin, pain in the side, passing water more or less frequently, breathing problems such as wheezing,

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breathlessness and stuffy nose, depressed mood, sleep disturbance, dry mouth, slowing of heart rate, dizziness when standing up, fainting, cold or aching hands and feet, general swelling of part of the body, weight gain, impotence, blurred vision, cramping pain on exercise. If suffering from Raynaud's phenomenon (cold hands or feet with changes in colour) and increase in symptoms of coldness/spasm in the hands may be seen.

Psoriasis (scaly patches on the skin) may occur or if you already have psoriasis, it may become worse.

If you are diabetic you could become less aware of symptoms of hypoglycemia. You should monitor your blood sugar more carefully. Tell your doctor if you see any appreciable changes.

If you wear contact lenses you may suffer from dryness of the eyes while taking your tablets.

If you develop any unusual discomfort, tell the doctor as soon as possible, especially if you have unusual dizziness, ankle swelling, tiredness or breathlessness when your dose is being increased.

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 calling Tel: 03-78835490, or visiting the website npra.moh.gov.my [Public-> Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)].

Storage and Disposal**Storage**

Remember to keep APO-CARVEDILOL and all medications safely away from children.

Do not use this medicine after the month and year written after EXP on the container.

Store APO-CARVEDILOL below 30°C).

Disposal

Ask your pharmacist what to do with any tablets you have left over if your doctor tells you to stop taking them, or you find that the expiry date has passed.

Product Description**What it looks like?**

APO-CARVEDILOL 6.25mg: Each oval, white, film-coated tablet engraved 'APO' on one side and '6.25' on the other contains 6.25 mg carvedilol. Available in bottles of 30 tablets. APO-CARVEDILOL 25mg: Each oval, white, film-coated tablet engraved 'APO' on one side and 'C25' on the other contains 25 mg carvedilol. Available in bottles of 30 tablets.

Ingredients

APO-CARVEDILOL (carvedilol) is available in 6.25 mg and 25 mg oval white tablets. Carvedilol is the active ingredient. Non-medicine ingredients include: lactose monohydrate, microcrystalline cellulose, croscarmellose sodium, magnesium stearate, hydroxyethyl cellulose, polyethylene glycol and titanium dioxide.

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