

CARZEPIN TABLET

Carbamazepine (200 mg)

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What Carzepin is used for

Treatment of:

- partial seizure with complex symptomatology (starts in one part of the brain and affects other parts of the brain that involve alertness and awareness)
- generalized tonic-clonic seizures (epilepsy)
- painful condition of the face called trigeminal neuralgia
- painful condition of the ear, throat, tonsils and tongue called glossopharyngeal neuralgia

How Carzepin works

The active ingredient in Carzepin Tablet, carbamazepine, is an anticonvulsant agent, which can affect the body in several different ways. The exact mechanism how it works is still unknown but it is believed to stabilize and limit the spread of the brain nerve activities.

Before you use Carzepin

- When you must not use it

Do not take this medicine:

- if you are allergic (hypersensitive) to carbamazepine or similar drugs or any of the other ingredients listed at the end of the leaflet. Some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction may include shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing, swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body, rash, itching or hives on the skin
- if you have any heart problem called atrioventricular (AV) heart block
- if you have history of bone marrow depression

- if you have blood disorders such as porphyria
- if you are breastfeeding

If you are not sure whether you should start taking this medicine, talk to your pharmacist or doctor.

- Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor/pharmacist if:

- you have allergies to tricyclic antidepressants
- you ever had allergic reactions to other medicine
- you have heart problem
- you have liver problem
- you have kidney problem
- you have diabetes
- you have eye problem called glaucoma (increased pressure in the eye)
- you have problem urinating
- you are breastfeeding
- you are pregnant, think you are pregnant, or plan to get pregnant.

- Taking other medicines

Carzepin may affect or be affected by other medicines you are taking. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines in any form including any that you buy or obtained without a prescription. It may be necessary to adjust the dose of some medicines, or stop taking some altogether.

Tell the doctor if you are taking the following medicines:

- Oral contraceptives
- Any medicines for depression or anxiety (e.g. barbiturates, benzodiazepine, tricyclic antidepressants, monoamine oxidase inhibitors)
- Other medicines to treat epilepsy (e.g. hydantoins, primidone, succinimides, valproic acid)
- Anticoagulants to stop your blood clotting.
- Antibiotics (e.g. doxycycline, erythromycin or troleandomycin)
- Painkillers (e.g. propoxyphene)

- Monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs), used to treat depression, within the last 14 days.

Other interactions not stated may occur. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you have any other concerns.

How to use Carzepin

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.

- How much to use

To be taken orally.

To treat epilepsy the usual doses are:

Adults

Initial: 200mg twice a day on the first day, to be increased as needed
Maintenance: 800 mg to 1.2 g a day in 3 or 4 divided doses.

Children

Below 6 years:

Initial: 5 mg per kg body weight a day
Maintenance: 10 to 20 mg per kg body weight a day in 3 or 4 divided doses.

6 to 12 years:

Initial: 100 mg twice a day on the first day, to be increased as needed
Maintenance: 400 to 800 mg a day, not exceeding 1 g in 3 or 4 divided doses.

To treat painful condition the usual doses are:

Adults

Initial: 100 mg twice a day on the first day, to be increased as needed
Maintenance: 200 mg to 1.2 g a day in 3 or 4 divided doses.

- When to use it

Initial treatment:

Adults: two times a day

Children 6 to 12 years: two times a day

Maintenance treatment: three or four times a day

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- How long to use it

You are advised to take Carzepin as long as your doctor tells you to.

- If you forget to use it

Do not take double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

If you forget to take your dose, take it as soon as you remember. Skip the missed dose if it is almost time for your next 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. Taking too many tablets may cause dizziness, uncoordinated movement (ataxia), fast, uncontrolled eye movement (nystagmus), stomach discomfort, difficulty to urinate and overactive reflexes.

While you are using Carzepin

- Things you must do

Tell your doctor immediately if:

- you have thoughts of harming or killing yourselves. A small number of people treated with antiepileptics such as carbamazepine have had these thoughts.
- you see any sign of hypersensitivity reactions and serious skin reactions. Serious skin rashes [Stevens-Johnson syndrome and toxic epidermal necrolysis (Lyell's Syndrome)] have been reported to occur during treatment with carbamazepine. This could occur particularly during the first month of treatment. Stop taking the medicine if you develop the symptoms.

- Things you must not do

Do not:

- give Carzepin to anyone else even if they have the same condition as you
- take your medicine to treat any other complaints unless you are told by your doctor or pharmacist
- take more than the recommended dose unless your pharmacist or doctor tells you to
- stop the medicine suddenly even if you have felt better

- Things to be careful of

Be careful when driving or operating machinery because Carzepin may cause drowsiness.

Avoid alcoholic beverages.

Side effects

Like all medicines, Carzepin can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. These effects can be serious but most of the time, they are mild and temporary.

Stop taking Carzepin and tell your doctor immediately if you notice:

- Serious skin reactions such as rash, red skin, blistering of the lips, eyes or mouth, or skin peeling. These serious skin rashes are often preceded by flu-like symptoms such as fever, headache and body ache.

Common side effects:

- Dizziness
- Drowsiness
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Feeling unsteady or finding it difficult to control movements

Consult your doctor/ pharmacist for further information. Other unwanted side effects not listed may occur.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to The National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by visiting the website npa.moh.gov.my (underline this address) [Consumers -> Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)]

Storage and disposal of Carzepin

- Storage

Keep out of reach of children.

Store below 30°C. Protect from moisture.

- 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

Round, white uncoated tablet, beveled, flat faces, "HOVID" embossed on one face and scored on the other.

- Ingredients

- Active ingredients

Each Carzepin Tablet contains 200 mg carbamazepine

- Inactive ingredients:

Hydroxypropyl Methylcellulose E-15
Magnesium Stearate
Sodium Starch Glycolate
Polyvinylpyrrolidone
Lactose Monohydrate
Cornstarch
Purified Water

- MAL Number

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