

CO-LOSAR® 50 mg / 12,5 mg
Losartan potassium 50 mg / Hydrochlorothiazide 12,5 mg
CO-LOSAR PLUS® 100 mg / 12,5 mg
Losartan potassium 100 mg / Hydrochlorothiazide 12,5 mg
CO-LOSAR FORT® 100 mg / 25 mg
Losartan potassium 100 mg / Hydrochlorothiazide 25 mg

Please read carefully the **integrity** of this notice before taking this drug.

- Keep this notice; you may need to read it again.

- If you have further questions, if you have any doubt, ask your doctor or pharmacist for more information:

- This drug was prescribed for you personally. Never give it to someone else, even in case of identical symptoms; this could be harmful for this person;

- If one of the undesirable effects worsens or if you experience an undesirable effect which is not mentioned in this notice, inform your doctor or your pharmacist.

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1. **WHAT IS CO-LOSAR®, CO-OSAR PLUS® AND CO-LOSAR FORT® AND IN WHICH CASE IS IT USED ?**

CO-LOSAR®, CO-LOSAR PLUS® and CO-LOSAR FORT® are a combination of an angiotensin II receptor antagonist (losartan) and a diuretic (hydrochlorothiazide). Angiotensin II is a substance produced in the body which binds to receptors in blood vessels, causing them to tighten. This results in an increase in blood pressure. Losartan prevents the binding of angiotensin II to these receptors, causing the blood vessels to relax which in turn lowers the blood pressure. Hydrochlorothiazide acts by making the kidneys pass more water and salt. This also helps to reduce blood pressure.

Therapeutic indications:

CO-LOSAR®: Treatment of the essential hypertension when a monotherapy with an angiotensin II antagonist is insufficient, CO-LOSAR PLUS®:

Treatment of essential hypertension in case of inadequate blood pressure control with losartan potassium at a dose of 100 mg/day;

* Treatment of essential hypertension in case of inadequate blood pressure control in the combination of losartan potassium (at a dose of 50 mg/day) and hydrochlorothiazide (at a dose of 12,5 mg);

2. **WHAT IS NECESSARY TO BE KNOWN BEFORE TAKING CO-LOSAR®, CO-LOSAR PLUS® AND CO-LOSAR FORT®?**

Do not take CO-LOSAR®, CO-LOSAR PLUS® and CO-LOSAR FORT®:

* if you are allergic (hypersensitive) to losartan, hydrochlorothiazide or to any of the other ingredients in this medicine; if you are allergic to any of the active substances or to some of their metabolites, some antidiabetic drugs such as co-trimoxazole; ask your doctor if you (or your parents) are not sure);

* if you are more than 3 months pregnant. (It is also better to avoid CO-LOSAR®, CO-LOSAR PLUS® or CO-LOSAR FORT® in early pregnancy (see section: Pregnancy and breastfeeding, paragraph: Pregnancy);

* if you have severe kidney function problems;

* if you have severely impaired kidney function or your kidneys are not producing any urine;

* if you have low potassium, low sodium or high calcium levels which cannot be corrected by treatment;

* if you have heart failure;

* if you have previously suffered from swelling of the face, lips, throat or tongue;

* if you take diuretics (water pills);

* if you have a salt-restricted diet;

* if you have or had severe vomiting and/or diarrhoea;

* if you have heart failure;

* if your liver function is impaired (see section : Do not take CO-LOSAR®, CO-LOSAR PLUS® and CO-LOSAR FORT®);

* if you have narrow arteries to your kidneys (renal artery stenosis) or only have one functioning kidney, or you have recently had a kidney transplant;

* if you have narrowing of the arteries (atherosclerosis), angina pectoris (chest pain due to poor heart function);

* if you have aortic or mitral valve stenosis (narrowing of the valves of the heart) or hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (a disease causing thickening of heart muscle);

* if you have diabetes;

* if you have had gout;

* if you have or had an allergic condition, asthma or a condition that causes joint pain, skin rashes and fever (systemic lupus erythematosus);

* if you have high calcium or low potassium levels or you are on a low potassium diet;

* if you have a heart attack (even at the dentist) or before surgery, or if you are going to have tests to check your parathyroid glands, you must tell the doctor or medical staff that you are taking losartan potassium and hydrochlorothiazide tablets;

* if you suffer from primary hyperaldosteronism (a syndrome associated with increased secretion of the hormone aldosterone by the adrenal gland, caused by an abnormality within the gland).

Taking other drugs:

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

Diuretic agents such as the hydrochlorothiazide contained in CO-LOSAR®, CO-LOSAR PLUS® and CO-LOSAR FORT® may interact with other medicines.

Preparations containing iodine should not be taken with CO-LOSAR®, CO-LOSAR PLUS® or CO-LOSAR FORT® without consulting your doctor or pharmacist.

Special precautionary measures (e.g. blood tests) may be appropriate if you take potassium supplements, potassium-containing tablets or potassium-sparing medicines, other diuretics, some laxatives, medicines for the treatment of osteoporosis or to control heart rhythm or for diabetes (oral agents or insulin).

It is also important for your doctor to know if you are taking:

* other medicines to reduce your blood pressure;

* steroids;

* medicines to treat cancer;

* pain killers;

* drugs for treatment of fungal infections;

* arthritis medicines;

* resins used for high cholesterol, such as cholestryamine;

* medicines which relax your muscles;

* diuretics;

* opioid medicines such as morphine;

* pressor amines such as adrenaline or other drugs from the same group;

* oral agents for diabetes or insulin;

* if you are taking other tablets or capsules which contain potassium, such as potassium tablets or potassium-sparing tablets;

* if you are taking tablets or capsules which contain diuretics;

* if you are taking tablets or capsules which contain laxatives;

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