

Composition : Atorvastatin 10mg, 20mg & 40mg Tablet.

Indications : Atorvastatin is indicated as an adjunct to diet for reduction of elevated total cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, apolipoprotein B and triglycerides in patients with primary hypercholesterolaemia, heterozygous familial hypercholesterolaemia or combined hyperlipidaemia when response to diet and other nonpharmacological measures are inadequate.

Dosage & administration : The patient should be placed on a standard cholesterol-lowering diet before receiving Atorvastatin and should continue on this diet during treatment with Atorvastatin. The usual starting dose is 10mg once a day. Dosages should be individualized according to baseline LDL-C levels, the goal of therapy and patient response. Adjustment of dosage should be made at intervals of 4 weeks or more. The maximum dose is 80mg once a day. Dosages may be given at any time of day with or without food. Or, as directed by the registered physician.

Side effects : Atorvastatin is generally well tolerated. Adverse reactions have usually been mild and transient. The most frequent adverse effects are constipation, flatulence, dyspepsia, abdominal pain, headache, nausea, myalgia, asthenia, diarrhoea and insomnia.

Precautions : Liver function tests should be performed before the initiation of treatment and periodically thereafter. Patients who develop any signs or symptoms suggestive of liver injury should have liver function tests performed. Atorvastatin should be used with

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caution in patients who consume substantial quantities of alcohol and/or have a history of liver disease.

Contraindications : Atorvastatin is contraindicated in patients with hypersensitivity to any component of this medication, active liver disease or unexplained persistent elevations of serum transaminases exceeding 3 times the upper limit of normal and in women of child bearing potential not using appropriate contraceptive measures.

Drug interactions : Digoxin : Administration of multiple dosages of Atorvastatin with digoxin increased steady state plasma digoxin concentrations by approximately 20%. Antacid : administration of Atorvastatin with an oral antacid suspension containing magnesium and aluminium hydroxides decreased Atorvastatin plasma concentrations approximately 35%. Warfarin : Patients receiving warfarin should be closely monitored when Atorvastatin is added to their therapy.

Use in pregnancy and lactation : Pregnancy Category **X**. Not for use in Pregnancy.

Packing :

Divastin : 2 x 14's tablets in blister pack.

Divastin-20 : 2 x 14's tablets in blister pack.

Divastin-40 : 2 x 14's tablets in blister pack.