

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET:

SARTILOS F/C TABLETS:

{LOSARTAN POTASSIUM}

Read this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- Do not pass this medicine on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.
- In order that this medicine works, it must be taken exactly as directed.
- Keep all medicines out of reach of children.
- If you want more information about this medicine ask your doctor or pharmacist.

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1. WHAT IS SARTILOS AND WHAT IS IT USED FOR?

The name of the medicine is Sartilos. The active ingredient is Losartan potassium. Losartan belongs to a group of medicines known as angiotensin-II receptor antagonists. 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. Losartan slows the decrease of kidney function in patients with high blood pressure and type 2 diabetes.

2. BEFORE YOU USE SARTILOS:

Do not use without medical advice:

- If you have had an allergy to any of the ingredients in the past.
- If you are on any other drugs.
- You must talk to a doctor if you do not feel better or if you feel worse.
- If you are more than 3 months pregnant
- If you are breastfeeding.
- If your liver function is severely impaired,

3. HOW TO USE SARTILOS:

Always take or give this medicine exactly as your doctor has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Adults:

The usual starting and maintenance dose is 50mg once daily for most patients. The maximal antihypertensive effect is attained 3-6 weeks after initiation of therapy. Some patients may receive an additional benefit by increasing the dose to 100mg once daily (in the morning). Losartan potassium film-coated tablets may be administered with other antihypertensive agents especially with diuretics (e.g. hydrochlorothiazide). *Paediatric population:* Consult your Doctor. Close clinical supervision is required to avoid life-threatening reactions.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS:

Like all medicines, Sartilos can have side effects though not everyone gets them.

Dizziness, • low blood pressure, (especially after excessive loss of water from the body within blood vessels e.g. in patients with severe heart failure or under treatment with high dose diuretics), • dose-related orthostatic effects such as lowering of blood pressure appearing when rising from lying or sitting position. • debility, • fatigue, • too less sugar in the blood (hypoglycaemia), • too much potassium in the blood (hyperkalaemia). • changes in kidney function (may be reversible upon discontinuation of treatment) including kidney failure, • reduced number of red blood cells (anaemia) • increase in blood urea, serum creatinine and serum potassium in patients with heart failure.

Report this or any other side effects to your doctor or pharmacist.

5. HOW TO STORE SARTILOS:

Do not use Sartilos after the expiry date stamped on the pack. The expiry date refers to the last day of the month.

Sartilos should be stored in a cool place below 30°C, protected from direct sunlight and kept out of the sight and reach of children

Medicines should not be disposed off via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose off medicines no longer required. These measures will help protect the environment.

6. FURTHER INFORMATION:

What Sartilos contains

The active substances is Losartan potassium.

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Further information on summary of product characteristics can be obtained from the regulatory affairs department of Biodeal Laboratories Ltd.

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This product should be used on the advice of a doctor or pharmacist.

7. PRESENTATION:

Sartilos is available as follows:

3 x10's Blister packs in unit boxes.



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