

PACKAGE LEAFLET: Information for the user

amlodipino cinfa 5 mg tablets

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1. What amlodipino cinfa is and what it is used for

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- If you have severe low blood pressure (hypotension).
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- tacrolimus (medicine used to modify the immune system)
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- ciclosporin (an immunosuppressant)

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amlodipino cinsa with food and drink

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Pregnancy

The safety of amlodipino during pregnancy has not been established. If you think you might be pregnant, or are planning to get pregnant, you must tell your doctor before you take amlodipino cinsa.

Breast-feeding

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3. How to take amlodipino cinfa

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

The recommended initial dose is 5 mg of amlodipino cinfa once a day. The dose can be increased to 10 mg of amlodipino cinfa once a day.

This medicine can be taken before or after meals. You should take it at the same time each day with a glass of water. Do not take amlodipino cinfa with grapefruit juice.

Use in children and adolescents

For children and adolescents (6-17 years old), the normally recommended initial dose is 2.5 mg a day. The maximum recommended dose is 5 mg a day. Amlodipino 2.5 mg is not currently available and the 2.5 mg dose cannot be obtained with amlodipino cinfa 5 mg tablets, as these tablets are not manufactured to be divided into equal halves.

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4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, amlodipino cinfa can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Visit your doctor **immediately** if you experience any of the following very rare severe side effects after taking this medicine.

- Sudden wheezing, chest pain, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Swelling of the eyelids, face or lips
- Swelling of the tongue and throat, which causes great difficulty breathing
- Severe skin reactions including intense skin rash, hives, reddening of the skin over your whole body, severe itching, blistering, peeling and inflammation of the skin, inflammation of mucous membranes (Stevens Johnson Syndrome, toxic epidermal necrolysis) or other allergic reactions
- Heart attack, abnormal heart beat
- Inflammation of the pancreas, which may cause severe abdominal and back pain accompanied by feeling very unwell.

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