

OLSETAN

Active ingredient: [Olmesartan medoxomil]

Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about taking OLSETAN. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about taking OLSETAN.**

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1. Why am I taking OLSETAN?

OLSETAN contains the active ingredient Olmesartan medoxomil. OLSETAN belongs to a group of medicines known as angiotensin-II receptor antagonists. AngiotensinII is a substance produced in the body which causes blood vessels to tighten. OLSETAN blocks the action of angiotensin-II and therefore relaxes the blood vessels. This helps lower blood pressure.

OLSETAN is used to treat high blood pressure which is also known as hypertension.

There are usually no symptoms of hypertension. The only way of knowing that you have hypertension

is to have your blood pressure checked on a regular basis. If high blood pressure is not treated it can lead to serious health problems, including stroke, heart disease and kidney failure.

Your doctor may have prescribed OLSETAN for another reason. Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why OLSETAN has been prescribed for you.

2. What should I know before I take OLSETAN?

Warnings

- Do not take OLSETAN if: you have serious problems with your kidneys
- you have serious problems with your liver
- you have diabetes and are taking a medicine called aliskiren to reduce blood pressure
- you are allergic to Olmesartan medoxomil, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.