

# METFORMIN SANDOZ® XR TABLETS

*Metformin hydrochloride*

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## Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using METFORMIN SANDOZ XR.

**You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using METFORMIN SANDOZ XR.**

*Where to find information in this leaflet:*

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### 1. Why am I being treated with METFORMIN SANDOZ XR?

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**METFORMIN SANDOZ XR contains active ingredient: metformin.** Metformin which belongs to a class of medicines called biguanides.

METFORMIN SANDOZ XR lowers high blood glucose levels by:

- improving your body's sensitivity to insulin and restoring the way it normally uses glucose
- reducing the amount of glucose your liver makes
- delaying the amount of glucose your intestine absorbs

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why METFORMIN SANDOZ XR has been prescribed for you.

METFORMIN SANDOZ XR is not recommended in children as its safety and effectiveness have not been established in this age group.

METFORMIN SANDOZ XR is available only with a doctor's prescription. There is no evidence that METFORMIN SANDOZ XR is addictive.

This medicine has been prescribed for you personally and you should not pass it onto others even if their symptoms are the same as yours.

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### 2. What should I know before treatment with METFORMIN SANDOZ XR?

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#### *Warning*

**Do not take METFORMIN SANDOZ XR if:**

- you are allergic to medicines containing metformin (such as Diaformin, Glucophage) or any other biguanide
- any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.

Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.