

Noumed Candesartan

candesartan cilexetil (kan-de-SAR-tan sil-EX-etil)

Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using Noumed Candesartan. **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 Noumed Candesartan.**

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1. Why am I taking Noumed Candesartan?

Noumed Candesartan contains the active ingredient candesartan cilexetil. Noumed Candesartan belongs to a group of medicines called angiotensin II receptor antagonists (or blocker). Angiotensin II is a substance produced in the body that causes blood vessels to narrow. Noumed Candesartan blocks angiotensin-II and therefore widens your blood vessels, making it easier for your heart to pump blood throughout your body. This helps to lower your blood pressure. Noumed Candesartan is also used in combination with other medicines to treat heart failure.

Noumed Candesartan is used to treat high blood pressure, which doctors call hypertension. Noumed Candesartan is also used in treatment of heart failure in combination with other medicines.

2. What should I know before I take Noumed Candesartan?

Warnings

Do not use Noumed Candesartan if:

- you are allergic to candesartan cilexetil, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.
- you are pregnant (or think you may be pregnant) or are planning to become pregnant.
- you are breast-feeding. It is not known if Noumed Candesartan passes into breast milk, therefore it is recommended that you not take it while you are breast-feeding
- you have severe liver disease and/or conditions associated with impaired bile flow (cholestasis)
- you have diabetes or have kidney problems and are being treated with medicines that lower blood pressure such as an ACE inhibitor, any medicines containing aliskiren or medicines that belong to a group of medicines known as angiotensin II receptor antagonist

(medicines also used to treat high blood pressure)

Check with your doctor if you:

- have any other medical conditions
- have had recent excessive vomiting or diarrhoea
- have kidney problems, or you have had a kidney transplant or dialysis
- have heart problems
- have liver problems, or have had liver problems in the past
- have diabetes
- have high levels of potassium in your blood
- are strictly restricting your salt intake
- take any medicines for any other condition
- are pregnant or intend to become pregnant
- if you are breast feeding or plan to breastfeed
- plan to have surgery (even at the dentist) that needs a general anaesthetic
- have allergies to any substances, such as foods, preservatives, or dyes.
- take any medicines for any other condition

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section 6. Are there any side effects?

Use in children

Noumed Candesartan should not be given to children.

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant. Do not take Noumed Candesartan if you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.