

## Methadone-AFT

Active ingredient: Methadone hydrochloride

### Consumer Medicine Information

#### WARNING

##### Limitations of use

Methadone-AFT tablets should only be used when your doctor decides that other treatment options are not able to effectively manage your pain or you cannot tolerate them.

##### Hazardous and harmful use

Methadone-AFT tablets poses risks of abuse, misuse and addiction which can lead to overdose and death. Your doctor will monitor you regularly during treatment.

##### Life threatening respiratory depression

Methadone-AFT tablets can cause life-threatening or fatal breathing problems (slow, shallow, unusual or no breathing) even when used as recommended. These problems can occur at any time during use, but the risk is higher when first starting Methadone-AFT tablets and after a dose increase, if you are older, or have an existing problem with your lungs. Your doctor will monitor you and change the dose as appropriate.

##### Use of other medicines while taking Methadone-AFT tablets

Taking Methadone-AFT tablets with other medicines that can make you feel drowsy such as sleeping tablets (e.g. benzodiazepines), other pain relievers, antihistamines, antidepressants, antipsychotics, gabapentin, pregabalin, cannabis and alcohol may result in severe drowsiness, decreased awareness, breathing problems, coma and death. Your doctor will minimise the dose and duration of use; and monitor you for signs and symptoms of breathing difficulties and sedation. You must not drink alcohol while taking Methadone-AFT tablets.

This leaflet provides important information about using Methadone-AFT. **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 Methadone-AFT.**

*Where to find information in this leaflet:*

1. Why am I using Methadone-AFT?
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#### Why am I using Methadone-AFT?

**Methadone-AFT contains the active ingredient methadone hydrochloride**

which belongs to a group of medicines called opioid analgesics.

**Methadone-AFT is used for the relief of chronic, moderate to severe pain.**