LORAZEPAM LUPIN

Active ingredient(s): lorazepam

Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using LORAZEPAM LUPIN. 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 LORAZEPAM LUPIN.

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1. Why am I taking LORAZEPAM LUPIN?

LORAZEPAM LUPIN contains the active ingredient lorazepam. LORAZEPAM LUPIN belongs to a group of medicines called benzodiazepines. They are thought to work by their action on brain chemicals.

LORAZEPAM LUPIN is used to relieve anxiety. However anxiety or tension associated with the normal stress of everyday life usually does not require treatment with medicines.

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In general, benzodiazepines such as LORAZEPAM LUPIN should be taken for short periods only (for example 2-4 weeks). Continuous long-term use is not recommended unless advised by your doctor. The use of benzodiazepines may lead to dependence on the medicine.

2. What should I know before I take LORAZEPAM LUPIN?

Warnings

Do not take LORAZEPAM LUPIN if:

- you are allergic to lorazepam, any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet or any other medicine from the benzodiazepine group of medicines. Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.
- you have severe and chronic lung disease
- you have sleep apnoea, a condition where you have breathing problems when you sleep
- you are depressed with or without anxiety problems

Lorazepam can increase thoughts of death or suicide.