

Buvidal® Weekly and Buvidal® Monthly

Buprenorphine

Consumer Medicine Information

WARNING: Risk of Serious Harm or Death with Intravenous Administration

Buvidal must not be injected into your veins as it could cause serious harm or death by stopping your blood flow and the possible formation of clots in your veins and lungs which could be life-threatening.

Hazardous and harmful use

Although Buvidal is indicated for the treatment of opioid dependence it still poses risks of hazardous and harmful use which can lead to overdose and death. You should be monitored for an ongoing risk of hazardous and harmful use regularly during opioid substitution therapy with Buvidal.

Life threatening respiratory depression Serious, life-threatening or fatal respiratory depression may occur with the use of Buvidal. Be aware of situations which increase the risk of respiratory depression, and monitor patients closely, especially on initiation or following a dose increase.

Concomitant use of benzodiazepines and other central nervous system (CNS) depressants, including alcohol.

Concomitant use of opioids with benzodiazepines, gabapentinoids, antihistamines, tricyclic antidepressants, antipsychotics, cannabis, or other central nervous system (CNS) depressants, including alcohol, may result in profound sedation, respiratory depression, coma, and death. Patients and their caregivers should be made aware of the symptoms of respiratory depression. Patients and their caregivers should also be informed of the potential harms of consuming alcohol while taking Buvidal.

This leaflet provides important information about receiving Buvidal. **You should also speak to your doctor, nurse practitioner or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using Buvidal.**

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1. Why am I being given Buvidal?

Buvidal contains the active ingredient buprenorphine.

Buvidal is Schedule 8 medicine classification, it contains buprenorphine which acts as a substitute for opioids and it helps withdrawal from opioids over a period of time. This medicine is available only with a doctor's or nurse practitioner's prescription.

Buvidal Weekly is used for initiation and maintenance treatment of opioid dependence, with or without prior stabilisation on sublingual buprenorphine or buprenorphine/naloxone, within a framework of medical, social and psychological support.

Buvidal Monthly is used for maintenance treatment of opioid dependence with prior stabilisation on Buvidal Weekly or sublingual buprenorphine or buprenorphine/naloxone within a framework of medical, social and psychological support.