

Noumed Candesartan/ HCT

Candesartan cilexetil and hydrochlorothiazide

Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using Noumed Candesartan/ HCT.

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/ HCT.

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1. Why am I using Noumed Candesartan/ HCT?

Noumed Candesartan/ HCT contains the active ingredients candesartan cilexetil and hydrochlorothiazide.

Candesartan cilexetil belongs to a group of medicines called angiotensin II - receptor antagonists (or blocker). It works by causing relaxation of blood vessels. Angiotensin II is a substance produced in the body that causes blood vessels to narrow. Candesartan cilexetil 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.

Hydrochlorothiazide belongs to the class of medicines known as diuretics. Diuretics cause an increase in the volume of urine. They also help with lowering blood pressure particularly when combined with other blood pressure reducing medicines.

Noumed Candesartan/ HCT is used to treat high blood pressure, which doctors call hypertension.

2. What should I know before I use Noumed Candesartan/ HCT?

Warnings

Do not use Noumed Candesartan/ HCT if:

- you are allergic to candesartan cilexetil, hydrochlorothiazide, sulfonamide derived medicines (commonly known as sulfur drugs), 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
- you have diabetes or have kidney problems and you are being treated with medicines that lower blood pressure such as an ACE inhibitor, any aliskiren-containing medicines that belong to a group of medicines known as AIIRAs (medicines also used to treat high blood pressure)

- have or have had severe kidney or liver disease and/or conditions associated with impaired bile flow (cholestasis)
- have or have had gout

Check with your doctor if you have or have had any of the following medical conditions:

- kidney problems
- liver problems
- heart problems
- diabetes
- recent excessive vomiting or diarrhoea
- systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE), a disease affecting the skin, joints and kidneys
- a salt restricted diet
- a condition called primary hyperaldosteronism
- a past operation known as sympathectomy.

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?

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant. It may affect your developing baby if you take it during pregnancy.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed. Your baby can take in components of Noumed Candesartan/HCT from breast milk if you are breastfeeding.

Use in children

Noumed Candesartan/ HCT should not be given to children.