

Olmesartan/Amlodipine Sandoz®

olmesartan medoxomil and amlodipine besilate

Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using Olmesartan/ Amlodipine Sandoz. **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 Olmesartan/ Amlodipine Sandoz.**

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1. Why am I using Olmesartan/ Amlodipine Sandoz?

Olmesartan/ Amlodipine Sandoz contains the active ingredient olmesartan medoxomil and amlodipine besilate.

Olmesartan/ Amlodipine Sandoz contains Olmesartan medoxomil, which belongs to a group of medicines known as angiotensin-II receptor antagonists. Angiotensin-II is a substance produced in the body which causes blood vessels to tighten. Olmesartan/ Amlodipine

Sandoz blocks the action of angiotensin-II and therefore relaxes your blood vessels. This helps lower your blood pressure.

Olmesartan/ Amlodipine Sandoz also contains amlodipine besilate, a calcium channel blocker. This reduces the movement of calcium into the cells of the heart and blood vessels. This also helps to lower blood pressure as it relaxes the blood vessels and increases the supply of blood and oxygen to the heart.

Olmesartan/ Amlodipine Sandoz is used to treat high blood pressure which is sometimes called hypertension.

2. What should I know before I use Olmesartan/ Amlodipine Sandoz?

Warnings

Do not use Olmesartan/ Amlodipine Sandoz if:

- you are allergic to contains olmesartan medoxomil or amlodipine besilate, 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 have serious problems with your kidneys
- you have serious problems with your liver
- you have diabetes and are taking a medicine called aliskiren to reduce blood pressure.
- you have had recent serious heart problems

- you have low potassium or sodium levels in the blood
- you are pregnant or breastfeeding
- the expiry date printed on the pack or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering

Check with your doctor if you:

- have any other medical conditions
- take any medicines for any other condition
- have kidney problems
- have liver problems
- have heart problems
- have diabetes
- have excessive vomiting or diarrhoea recently
- have high levels of potassium in your blood
- have problems with your adrenal glands (small glands above the kidneys)
- are following a very low salt diet
- are or intend to become pregnant or plan to breastfeed
- are taking potassium supplements, potassium-sparing agents, potassium-containing salt substitutes or other medicines that may increase serum potassium (e.g., trimethoprim-containing products)

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

The safety and effectiveness of Olmesartan/ Amlodipine Sandoz in children have not been established.

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.

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

Olmesartan/ Amlodipine Sandoz may enter the womb or it may pass into the breast milk and there is the possibility that your baby may be affected.

If pregnancy is discovered, Olmesartan/ Amlodipine Sandoz should be discontinued as soon as possible.