

## PATIENT INFORMATION – Rx only

### CARVEDILOL TABLETS

Read the Patient Information that comes with Carvedilol Tablet before you start taking them and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking with your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment. If you have any questions about Carvedilol Tablet, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

#### What is CARVEDILOL TABLET?

Carvedilol Tablet is a prescription medicine that belongs to a group of medicines called “beta-blockers”. Carvedilol Tablet is used, often with other medicines, for the following conditions:

- To treat patients with certain types of heart failure
- To treat patients who had a heart attack that worsened how well the heart pumps
- To treat patients with high blood pressure (hypertension)

Carvedilol Tablet is not approved for use in children under 18 years of age.

#### Who should not take CARVEDILOL TABLET?

Do not take Carvedilol Tablet if you:

- Have severe heart failure and are hospitalized in the intensive care unit or require certain intravenous medications that help support circulation (inotropic medications)
- Are prone to asthma or other breathing problems
- Have a slow heartbeat or a heart that skips a beat (irregular heartbeat)
- Have liver problems
- Are allergic to any of the ingredients in Carvedilol Tablets.

The active ingredient is Carvedilol Tablet. See the end of this leaflet for a list of all the ingredients in Carvedilol Tablets.

#### What should I tell my doctor before taking CARVEDILOL TABLET?

Tell your doctor about all of your medical conditions, including if you:

- Have asthma or other lung problems (such as bronchitis or emphysema)
- Have problems with blood flow in your feet and legs (peripheral vascular disease). Carvedilol Tablet can make some of your symptoms worse.
- Have diabetes
- Have thyroid problems
- Have a condition called pheochromocytoma
- Have had severe allergic reactions
- Are pregnant or trying to become pregnant. It is not known if Carvedilol Tablet is safe for your unborn baby. You and your doctor should talk about the best way to control your high blood pressure during pregnancy.
- Are breastfeeding. It is not known if Carvedilol Tablet passes into your breast milk. You should not breastfeed while using Carvedilol Tablet.
- Are scheduled for surgery and will be given anesthetic agents
- Are scheduled for cataract surgery and have taken or are currently taking Carvedilol Tablet
- Are taking prescription or non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Carvedilol Tablet and certain other medicines can affect each other and cause serious side effects. Carvedilol Tablet may affect the way other medicines work. Also, other medicines may affect how well Carvedilol Tablet works.

Keep a list of all the medicines you take. Show this list to your doctor and pharmacist before you start a new medicine.

#### How should I take CARVEDILOL TABLET?

**It is important for you to take your medicine every day as directed by your doctor. If you stop taking Carvedilol Tablet suddenly, you could have chest pain and/or a heart attack. If your doctor decides that you should stop taking Carvedilol Tablet, your doctor may slowly lower your dose over a period of time before stopping it completely.**

- Take Carvedilol Tablet exactly as prescribed. Your doctor will tell you how many tablets to take and how often. In order to minimize possible side effects, your doctor might begin with a low dose and then slowly increase the dose.
- **Do not stop taking Carvedilol Tablet and do not change the amount of Carvedilol Tablet you take without talking to your doctor.**
- Tell your doctor if you gain weight or have trouble breathing while taking Carvedilol Tablet.
- Take Carvedilol Tablet with food.
- If you miss a dose of Carvedilol Tablet, take your dose as soon as you remember, unless it is time to take your next dose. Take your next dose at the usual time. Do not take 2 doses at the same time.
- If you take too much Carvedilol Tablet, call your doctor or poison control center right away.

#### What should I avoid while taking CARVEDILOL TABLET?

- Carvedilol Tablet can cause you to feel dizzy, tired, or faint. Do not drive a car, use machinery, or do anything that needs you to be alert if you have these symptoms.

#### What are possible side effects of CARVEDILOL TABLET?

- **Low blood pressure (which may cause dizziness or fainting when you stand up).** If these happen, sit or lie down right away and tell your doctor.
- **Tiredness.** If you feel tired or dizzy you should not drive, use machinery, or do anything that needs you to be alert.
- **Slow heartbeat.**
- **Changes in your blood sugar. If you have diabetes, tell your doctor if you have any changes in your blood sugar levels.**
- Carvedilol Tablet may hide some of the symptoms of low blood sugar, especially a fast heartbeat.
- Carvedilol Tablet may mask the symptoms of hyperthyroidism (overactive thyroid).
- **Worsening of severe allergic reactions.**
- Rare but serious allergic reactions (including hives or swelling of the face, lips, tongue and/or throat that may cause difficulty breathing or swallowing) have happened in patients who were on Carvedilol Tablet. These reactions can be life-threatening.

Other side effects of Carvedilol Tablet include shortness of breath, weight gain, diarrhea, and fewer tears or dry eyes that become bothersome if you wear contact lenses.

Call your doctor if you have any side effects that bother you or don't go away. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

#### How should I store CARVEDILOL TABLET?

- Store Carvedilol Tablet at less than 77°F (25°C). Keep the tablets dry.
- Safely, throw away Carvedilol Tablet that is out of date or no longer needed.
- Keep Carvedilol Tablet and all medicines out of the reach of children.

#### General information about CARVEDILOL TABLET

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for conditions other than those described in patient information leaflets. Do not use Carvedilol Tablet for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give Carvedilol Tablet to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This leaflet summarizes the most important information about Carvedilol Tablet. If you would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for information about Carvedilol Tablet that is written for healthcare professionals

#### What are the ingredients in CARVEDILOL TABLET?

Active Ingredient: Carvedilol

Inactive Ingredients: colloidal silicon dioxide, crospovidone, hypromellose, lactose monohydrate, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, polyethylene glycol, sodium citrate dihydrate, sucrose and titanium dioxide. Carvedilol Tablet come in the following strengths: 3.125 mg, 6.25 mg, 12.5 mg and 25 mg

#### What is high blood pressure (hypertension)?

Blood pressure is the force of blood in your blood vessels when your heart beats and when your heart rests. You have high blood pressure when the force is too much. High blood pressure makes the heart work harder to pump blood through the body and causes damage to blood vessels. Carvedilol Tablets can help your blood vessels relax so your blood pressure is lower. Medicines that lower blood pressure may lower your chance of having a stroke or heart attack.

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