

## **PIROXICAM** **10 mg capsules**

**Dear patient,**

**Please read the following instructions carefully. They contain important information about the use of this medicine. If you have any further questions, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.**

### **Information about PIROXICAM**

PIROXICAM is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) member of the oxicam group. It contains 10 mg of piroxicam and the following excipients: corn starch, lactose monohydrate, sodium starch glycolate, magnesium stearate.

Piroxicam exhibits anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and antipyretic activities by inhibition of cyclooxygenase activity and prostaglandin synthesis.

PIROXICAM is indicated in adults for the relief of symptoms in rheumatic disorders such as rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, ankylosing spondylitis.

This medicine may be used to treat other conditions as well.

### **The way to take PIROXICAM**

Take PIROXICAM as directed by your physician. Do not discontinue the treatment without consulting your doctor.

Dosage and duration of treatment are individualized on the basis of the condition under treatment and the response of the patient. Take PIROXICAM capsules with a full glass of water during meals.

The recommended dose of piroxicam is 20 mg (2 capsules) daily as a single dose. If desired, the daily dose may be divided.

The maintenance dose is: 10 mg - 30 mg (1 to 3 capsules) daily given in single or divided doses.

### **Duration of treatment**

The duration of treatment will be decided by your doctor. Do not discontinue without consulting your doctor.

### **In case of overdose**

In case of taking high doses of this medication, inform your doctor at once and seek emergency medical attention. General measures should be adopted.

### **In case of missed dose**

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember unless the next intake is near. Go on taking the next scheduled dose as directed. Do not take a double dose at once.

### **Contraindications**

This drug is contra-indicated in the following conditions:

- history of hypersensitivity to the component and in patients in whom aspirin or other NSAID induce the symptoms of asthma, nasal polyyps, angioedema or urticaria.
- patients with peptic ulcer or any gastrointestinal disorder that predispose to bleeding.
- severe liver or heart failure, renal impairment.
- children under 15 years of age.

### **Precautions**

This drug like all NSAID must be used with caution in patients with congestive heart failure, hypertension, liver dysfunction, impaired renal function, asthma, a history of gastroduodenal ulcer, those taking diuretics and the elderly.

Periodic renal and hepatic blood laboratory tests must be performed in patients receiving long-term therapy with this drug.

This drug is not recommended for use in pregnancy or lactation.

It is recommended that patients who develop visual complaints during treatment with this drug have ophthalmic evaluation.

### **Associations with other medications**

Please inform your doctor if other medicines are being taken or have been taken recently.

Concomitant administration with aspirin, oral anticoagulants and other NSAID is contraindicated.

This drug must be used with caution with methotrexate, ACE inhibitors, diuretics, antihypertensive drugs, lithium, heparin, cyclosporine, tacrolimus, trimethoprim, corticosteroids.

**Adverse reactions**

The most reported adverse reactions include: anorexia, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, flatulence, constipation, dyspepsia, stomatitis, abdominal pain, drowsiness, dizziness, headache, edema, decreases in hemoglobin and hematocrit, rash, pruritus.

Please inform your doctor if any side effect appears or becomes bothersome.

**Storage**

Store at controlled room temperature (up to 25°C), protected from light and humidity, beyond the reach of children. The expiry date is printed on the pack; don't use this medicine after this date.

**Pack Presentation**

Piroxicam 10 mg, pack of 30 capsules

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