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Uloric

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Description

Side Effects Nausea may occur. If this effect lasts or gets worse, tell your doctor or pharmacist promptly. Remember that this medication has been prescribed because your doctor has judged that the benefit to you is greater than the risk of side effects. Many people using this medication do not have serious side effects. Febuxostat may rarely cause serious (possibly fatal) liver disease. It may also cause an increase in liver enzymes. Your doctor will order blood tests to measure these enzymes. Keep all medical/lab appointments. Tell your doctor right away if you develop symptoms of liver disease, including nausea that doesn't stop, stomach/abdominal pain, dark urine, yellowing eyes/skin. Tell your doctor right away if you have any serious side effects, including: pink/bloody urine, painful urination. Febuxostat may cause a rash that could be a sign of a severe reaction. Get medical help right away if you develop any rash. A very serious allergic reaction to this drug is rare. However, get medical help right away if you notice any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, including: fever, swollen lymph nodes, rash, itching/swelling (especially of the face/tongue/throat), severe dizziness, trouble breathing. This is not a complete list of possible side effects. If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor or pharmacist. In the US – Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or at www.fda.gov/medwatch. In Canada – Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to Health Canada at 1-866-234-2345. How long does it take for this medicine to take effect? The onset of action for Uloric in reducing uric acid levels can vary among individuals. Clinical studies have shown that patients may begin to experience reductions in serum uric acid levels within 2 weeks of starting treatment. How long do the effects of this medicine last? Febuxostat provides a long-term effect in managing uric acid levels, with its duration extending throughout the period of administration. Continuous daily intake is necessary to maintain its urate-lowering effect and manage symptoms of gout. Is it safe to consume alcohol while taking this medicine? While there is no direct interaction between alcohol and Uloric reported in clinical studies, alcohol consumption can increase uric acid levels and exacerbate gout symptoms. Patients with gout are generally advised to limit alcohol intake, particularly beer and spirits, which can raise uric acid levels. Is this a habit forming medicine? Uloric is not habit-forming and does not have the potential for abuse or dependence. It is prescribed for its pharmacological action in lowering uric acid levels rather than any psychoactive effects. Can this medicine be taken during pregnancy? Uloric is classified as FDA Pregnancy Category C. Animal studies have shown an adverse effect on the fetus, and there are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Uloric should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential

risk to the fetus. Pregnant women should discuss the risks and benefits of taking Uloric with their healthcare provider. Can this medicine be taken while breast-feeding? There is limited information on the excretion of febuxostat in human breast milk. The effects on the breastfed child are unknown. Due to the potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants from Uloric, a decision should be made whether to discontinue breastfeeding or to discontinue the drug, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother's health. Uses Febuxostat is used to lower uric acid levels in people with gout. Febuxostat works by reducing the amount of uric acid made by the body. An increased uric acid level can cause gout. Because of the risk of very serious heart-related problems and stroke with febuxostat, febuxostat should be used only after treatment with a medication called allopurinol did not work to lower your uric acid level, caused serious side effects, or is not recommended by your doctor. Febuxostat should be used only if you have symptoms caused by a high blood uric acid level. How to use Uloric Read the Medication Guide provided by your pharmacist before you start taking febuxostat and each time you get a refill. If you have any questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist. Take this medication by mouth with or without food as directed by your doctor, usually once daily. The dosage is based on your medical condition and response to treatment. Use this medication regularly to get the most benefit from it. To help you remember, take it at the same time each day. You may have more gout attacks for several months after starting this medicine while the body removes extra uric acid. Febuxostat is not a pain reliever. Your doctor may prescribe medication (such as colchicine, NSAIDs such as ibuprofen, naproxen, or indomethacin) to prevent/treat a gout attack during the first several months you are taking febuxostat. Continue to take your prescribed medicines for gout attacks as directed by your doctor. Tell your doctor if your condition lasts or gets worse. Warnings Febuxostat may rarely cause very serious side effects including heart attack, stroke, or possibly fatal heart-related problems. Before taking this medication, tell your doctor if you have heart disease, chest pain (angina), or have had a heart attack or stroke in the past since these conditions may increase your risk. Discuss the risks and benefits of this medication and treatment options with your doctor. Get medical help right away if you have any of these very serious side effects: chest/jaw/left arm pain, unusual sweating, shortness of breath, fast/irregular heartbeat, dizziness, fainting, weakness on one side of the body, sudden vision changes, confusion, trouble speaking, sudden severe headache. Interactions Drug interactions may change how your medications work or increase your risk for serious side effects. This document does not contain all possible drug interactions. Keep a list of all the products you use (including prescription/nonprescription drugs and herbal products) and share it with your doctor and pharmacist. Do not start, stop, or change the dosage of any medicines without your doctor's approval. Some products that may interact with this drug include: azathioprine, mercaptopurine. Precautions Before taking febuxostat, tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are allergic to it; or if you have any other allergies. This product may contain inactive ingredients, which can cause allergic reactions or other problems. Talk to your pharmacist for more details. Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist your medical history, especially of: cancer, heart disease (such as heart attack, chest pain/angina), stroke, liver disease, kidney disease, organ transplant. Before having surgery, tell your doctor or dentist about all the products you use (including prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and herbal products). During pregnancy, this medication should be used only when clearly needed. Discuss the risks and benefits with your doctor. It is unknown if febuxostat passes into breast milk. Consult your doctor before breast-feeding. Overdose If someone has overdosed and has serious symptoms such as passing out or trouble breathing, call 911. Otherwise, call a poison control center right away. US residents can call their local poison control center at 1-800-222-1222. Canada residents can call a provincial poison control center. Do not share this medication with others. Lab and/or medical tests (such as uric acid blood level, liver function tests) may be done while you are taking this medication. Keep all medical and lab appointments. Consult your doctor for more details. If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If it is near the time of the next dose, skip the missed dose. Take your next dose at the regular time. Do not double the dose to catch up. Store at room temperature away from light and moisture. Do not store in the bathroom. Keep all medications away from children and pets. Do not flush medications down the toilet or pour them into a drain unless instructed to do so. Properly discard this product when it is expired or no longer needed. Consult your pharmacist or local waste disposal company.

Side Effects

Uses

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Other Details
