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Velphoro

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Description

Side Effects Nausea or diarrhea may occur. If either of these effects lasts or gets worse, tell your doctor or pharmacist promptly. The iron in this medication may cause your stools to turn black. This effect is harmless. This medication may stain your teeth. You may also notice an unusual taste from the medication. 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. 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: 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? Velphoro acts locally within the gastrointestinal tract to bind dietary phosphate, preventing its absorption. The onset of action is closely tied to its presence in the gastrointestinal (GI) tract during meals or snacks containing phosphate. Thus, its effect is contingent upon the timing of ingestion relative to food intake, rather than a traditional pharmacokinetic measure of onset after administration. The reduction in serum phosphorus levels can be observed over days to weeks, with adjustments based on periodic monitoring of serum phosphorus levels. How long do the effects of this medicine last? The duration of Velphoro's effect is primarily during the transit through the GI tract, with its action ceasing once it is excreted in the feces. Continuous efficacy in controlling serum phosphorus levels requires regular administration with meals, tailored to the individual's dietary phosphate intake and serum phosphorus goals. Is it safe to consume alcohol while taking this medicine? There is no direct contraindication or warning regarding the consumption of alcohol while taking Velphoro. However, alcohol does not have a known interaction with the mechanism of action of Velphoro, as it does not significantly affect phosphate absorption. Nevertheless, patients with CKD should be cautious about alcohol consumption due to its potential impact on overall health and kidney function. Is this a habit forming medicine? Velphoro is not associated with any potential for abuse or habit formation. It does not exert any narcotic or psychoactive effects that could lead to dependence. Can this medicine be taken during pregnancy? The safety of Velphoro during pregnancy has not been established in controlled studies. Animal studies have not demonstrated direct or indirect harmful effects with respect to reproductive toxicity. As with all

medications, Velphoro should only be used during pregnancy if the potential benefits justify the potential risks to the fetus. Healthcare providers should evaluate the need and adjust treatment based on clinical condition and serum phosphorus levels. Can this medicine be taken while breast-feeding? It is unknown whether Velphoro is excreted in human milk. Given the drug is minimally absorbed systemically when taken as directed, any amounts present in breast milk are likely to be low. However, the effects on the breastfed infant, or the effects on milk production, have not been determined. Therefore, caution should be exercised when Velphoro is administered to nursing mothers, considering the importance of the drug to the mother and the potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants. Uses Sucroferric oxyhydroxide is used to lower high blood phosphate levels in people who are on dialysis due to severe kidney disease. Dialysis removes some phosphate from your blood, but it is difficult to remove enough to keep your phosphate levels balanced. Decreasing blood phosphate levels can help keep your bones strong, prevent unsafe buildup of minerals in your body, and may decrease the risk of heart disease and strokes that can result from high phosphate levels. Sucroferric oxyhydroxide contains a form of iron which is not absorbed by your body. It works by binding to phosphate in your diet. The phosphate then passes out of your body in your stool. How to use Velphoro Take this medication by mouth as directed by your doctor, usually 3 times daily, with or right after a meal. Chew thoroughly before swallowing each dose. You may crush the tablets to make it easier to chew them. Do not swallow the tablets whole. This medication does not need to be swallowed with water. Use this medication regularly to get the most benefit from it. The dosage is based on your medical condition and response to treatment. Precautions Before taking sucroferric oxyhydroxide, 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: stomach/intestinal problems, liver problems, high level of iron in the blood, problems chewing tablets. Before having surgery, tell your doctor or dentist about all the products you use (including prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and herbal products). Tell your doctor if you are pregnant before using this medication. It is unknown if this medication passes into breast milk. However, it is unlikely to pass 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. Your doctor may tell you to follow a special diet to help lower your blood phosphate levels. Follow the diet closely. Do not share this medication with others. Lab and/or medical tests (such as phosphate/calcium blood levels) should 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, skip the missed dose unless you have just eaten. 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 in the original package 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. 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: levothyroxine. Sucroferric oxyhydroxide may interfere with the absorption of certain other medications taken by mouth (including doxycycline). Take these other medications at least 1 hour before taking sucroferric oxyhydroxide. Talk to your pharmacist for more details.

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