

AMCOR 5MG TABLET

Amlodipine (5mg)

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What Amcor is used for

Amcor is used to treat high blood pressure and certain types of chest pain called angina.

How Amcor works

Amcor contains the active substance amlodipine which belongs to a group of medicines called calcium channel blockers. In patients with high blood pressure, calcium-channel blockers lower blood pressure by relaxing the blood vessel walls so that blood passes through them more easily. They also have an effect on the heart, so that they can be used for angina (angina pectoris). In patients with angina, Amcor works by improving the blood supply to the heart. When the heart receives more blood supply, more oxygen is received and chest pain is prevented.

Before you use Amcor

When you must not take it

- If you are allergic to amlodipine or similar calcium-channel blockers (the so-called dihydropyridine derivatives), or to any of the other ingredients.
- If you have very low blood pressure
- If you suffer from heart failure after a heart attack

Before you start to take it

You should inform your doctor or health care professional if you have or had any of the following conditions

- Recent heart attack
- Heart failure
- Severe increase in blood pressure (Hypertensive crisis)

- Liver disease
- Taking other medicines

If you take other medicines

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription.

Amcor may lower your blood pressure even more if you are already taking other medicines to treat your high blood pressure.

How to take Amcor

How much to take

Always take your medicine exactly as your doctor has told you. You should consult your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

The usual initial dose is 5 mg once daily. The dose can be increased to 10 mg once daily by the doctor if necessary.

When to take it

Your medicine can be used before or after food and drinks. You should take your medicine at the same time each day with a glass of water. Do not take Amcor with grapefruit juice.

How long to take it

Continue taking Amcor for as long as your doctor recommends. Make sure you keep enough Amcor to last over weekends and holidays. Amcor will help control your blood pressure but will not cure it. Therefore, you may have to take it for a long time.

If you forget to take it

If you forget to take a tablet, leave out that dose completely. Take your next dose at the right time. Do not take a double dose to make up for a missed dose.

If you take too much (overdose)

Taking too many tablets may cause your blood pressure to become low or even dangerously low. You may feel dizzy, lightheaded, faint or weak. If blood pressure drop is severe enough shock can occur. Your skin could feel

cool and clammy and you could lose consciousness. Seek immediate medical attention if you take too many Amcor tablets.

While you are using Amcor

Things you must do

The safety of amlodipine in human pregnancy has not been established. If you think you might be pregnant, or are planning to get pregnant, you must inform your doctor before you take Amcor. It is not known whether amlodipine is passed into breast milk. If you are breast-feeding or about to start breast-feeding you must inform your doctor before taking Amcor. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

Thing you must not do

Do not stop taking the medicine unless advised by your doctor. Do not take any new medicines without consulting your doctor. Do not give Amcor to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

Things to be careful of

Amcor has not been studied in children. Amcor may affect your ability to drive or use machines. If the tablets make you feel sick, dizzy or tired, or give you a headache, do not drive or use machines and contact your doctor immediately.

Side effects

Like all medicines, Amcor can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Visit your doctor **immediately** if you experience any of the following very rare, severe side effects after taking this medicine.

The most commonly observed side effects are:

- Flushing
- Fatigue
- Ankle swelling
- Dizziness, Headache
- Abdominal pain, nausea
- Palpitations

- Drowsiness (somnolence)

If any of the side effects gets serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835550, or visiting the website portal.bpfk.gov.my (Consumers→Reporting).

Storage and disposal of Amcor

Storage

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Store below 30°C.

Do not use your medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the pack after 'EXP'. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Disposal

If your doctor tells you to stop taking Amcor, or the tablets have passed their expiry date, return any leftover tablets to your pharmacist for disposal.

Product description

What it looks like

Tablet: White, round, biconvex tablet, with break line on one side and plain on the other side.

Pack size:

Box of 3 strips x 10 tablets

Box of 10 strips x 10 tablets

Not all pack sizes are marketed.

Ingredients

Each tablet contain amlodipine besylate 7mg equivalent to amlodipine 5mg.

Excipients: Microcrystalline cellulose, magnesium stearate, sodium starch glycollate and talc.

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