

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

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It is used to treat:

- high blood pressure
- symptoms caused by enlargement of the prostate gland in men.

In patients taking this medicine to treat high blood pressure (hypertension), it works by relaxing blood vessels so that blood passes through them more easily. This helps to lower blood pressure.

In patients with enlargement of the prostate gland, this medicine is taken to treat poor and/or frequent passing of urine. This is common in patients with enlargement of the prostate gland (benign prostatic hyperplasia). This medicine works by relaxing muscle around the bladder exit and prostate gland so urine is passed more easily.

Do not take this medicine

- if you are allergic (hypersensitive) to doxazosin, related quinazolines e.g. prazosin or terazosin, or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (see section 6)
- if you have had any form of obstruction of the digestive tract
- if you have an enlarged prostate gland together with congestion of the upper urinary tract, chronic urinary tract infections or bladder stones
- if you suffer from a loss of bladder control (bladder overflow), an inability to urinate, or kidney failure
- if you are breast-feeding
- if you are being treated for an enlarged prostate gland and you have low blood pressure
- if you have or have ever had a fall in blood pressure on standing up, causing dizziness, light-headedness or fainting.

Talk to your doctor before taking this medicine:

- if you have liver disease
- if you have heart disease
- if you undergo a surgery of cataract (clouding of eye lens)
- if you are pregnant or trying to become pregnant
- if you are also taking other medicines.

Dizziness, weakness and in rare cases fainting may occur, especially when you first start taking this medicine. You should therefore be careful at the beginning of treatment, and avoid situations that could lead to injury if these symptoms occur.

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken or might take any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription. It is especially important to mention the following before taking this medicine:

- medicines used to treat difficulties in getting an erection (e.g. sildenafil, tadalafil or vardenafil); together with Doxane XL they may lower your blood pressure
- medicines for high blood pressure (called anti-hypertensives).

Some patients who take alpha-blocker therapy for the treatment of high blood pressure or prostate enlargement may experience dizziness or light-headedness, which may be caused by low blood pressure upon sitting or standing up quickly. Certain patients have experienced these symptoms when taking drugs for erectile dysfunction (impotence) with alpha-blockers. In order to reduce the likelihood that these symptoms occur, you should be on a regular daily dose of your alpha-blocker before you start drugs for erectile dysfunction.

- If you are pregnant do not take this medicine without consulting your doctor first. The safety of this medicine in pregnancy is not sufficiently established.
- You should not take this medicine if you are breast-feeding (see section 2 "Do not take this medicine").

Driving and using machines

Take care if you drive or operate machinery. Your tablets may affect your ability to drive or operate machinery safely, particularly when you first start to take them. They may make you feel weak or dizzy. If affected, do not drive or operate machinery and contact your doctor immediately.

Always take this medicine exactly as your doctor has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

The recommended dose of Doxane XL 4mg Prolonged-Release Tablets is 4 mg taken as a single daily dose. Your doctor may wish to increase your dose to 8 mg once daily. This is the maximum dose of Doxane XL 4mg Prolonged-Release Tablets.

Doxane XL is a prolonged-release tablet. The medicine is contained within a non-absorbable shell that has been specially designed to slowly release the medicine. Once swallowed, doxazosin is slowly released into the body from the tablet, until the tablet is empty.

Since the empty tablet is eliminated from the body in bowel movements, you may occasionally observe in the stools, something that looks like a tablet. This is to be expected and you should not be concerned.

- Do not chew, divide or crush the tablets
- Swallow the tablets whole with a drink of water
- You can take these tablets with or without food.

This medicine is not recommended for patients under the age of 18 years.

Many tablets at once may make you unwell. If several tablets are taken it may be dangerous. Tell your doctor immediately or go to your nearest hospital casualty department.

Do not worry. If you forget to take a tablet, leave that dose out completely. Then go back to your usual schedule.

It is important to keep taking your tablets. Do not change the dose or stop taking the tablets without first checking with your doctor.

Do not wait until your tablets are finished before seeing your doctor.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

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

