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METHADONE TEVA

1 mg/ml ORAL SOLUTION

Methadone hydrochloride

PACKAGE LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine.

- 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. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.
- If any of the side effects get serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

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1 WHAT METHADONE TEVA 1 mg/ml ORAL SOLUTION IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR

This medicine contains methadone hydrochloride, which belongs to a group of medicines called narcotic analgesics. It is used to treat opioid drug addiction.

2 BEFORE YOU TAKE METHADONE TEVA 1 mg/ml ORAL SOLUTION

Do NOT take Methadone Teva 1 mg/ml Oral solution

Do **not** take this medicine and tell your doctor if

- you are allergic (hypersensitive) to methadone or any other ingredients in this liquid (see section 6 below). An allergic reaction can include a rash, itching or shortness of breath.
- you have severe breathing problems.
- you are taking monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs) used to treat depression or if you have taken a MAOI medicine in the past two weeks (see ‘Taking other medicines’).
- you are not dependent on opioid drugs.
- you are in labour.

This medicine is not suitable for children.

Do not take this medicine if any of the above apply to you. If you are not sure, talk to your doctor before taking Methadone Teva 1 mg/ml Oral solution.

Take special care with Methadone Teva 1 mg/ml Oral solution

Before you take this medicine, tell your doctor if:

- you have liver or kidney problems.
- you have epilepsy.
- you are addicted to alcohol.
- you have or have recently had a head injury.
- you have low thyroid function (hypothyroid).
- you have problems with your adrenal glands. These are linked to your kidneys.
- you have an enlarged prostate gland.
- you have low blood pressure.
- you are in shock.
- you have a muscle weakness disease called myasthenia gravis.
- you have bowel problems.
- you have a history of irregular heart beat.
- you have a history of heart disease.
- you have a family history of people dying suddenly without cause.
- you have low potassium, sodium or magnesium levels.
- you are pregnant or breast-feeding.
- you are extremely ill or an older person. You may be more sensitive to the medicine.

If you are not sure if any of the above apply to you, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Methadone Teva 1 mg/ml Oral solution.

You should not use this medicine during an asthma attack. If you give this medicine to yourself (self-administration), wait until the asthma attack has passed and you are fully recovered.

Taking other medicines

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, including medicines bought without a prescription, and herbal medicines. This is because Methadone Teva 1 mg/ml Oral solution can affect the way some other medicines work. Also some medicines can affect the way it works.

You must **not** take Methadone Teva 1 mg/ml Oral solution:

- at the same time or within 2 weeks of taking monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs).

Some medicines can increase the risk of heart problems when used with methadone. Talk to your doctor before taking methadone if you are taking:

- medicines for heart problems such as verapamil and enalapril.
- medicines which affect electrolyte balance such as diuretics (water tablets) or lithium.

Tell your doctor if you are taking any of the following medicines:

- medicines that dull your senses such as medicine for depression (for example, fluvoxamine, fluoxetine), medicines to help you sleep (including anaesthetics) and medicines to calm you down called tranquillisers.
- cimetidine, used to treat stomach ulcers.
- rifampicin, used to treat tuberculosis (TB).
- medicines used to treat epilepsy such as phenytoin, carbamazepine, phenobarbital and primidone.
- medicines that make your urine acidic such as ascorbic acid (vitamin C).
- narcotic painkillers such as codeine and pentazocine.
- naloxone used to reverse the effects of opioid drugs.
- medicines used to stop opioid drugs working such as naltrexone and buprenorphine.
- medicines used to treat HIV such as nevirapine, efavirenz and nelfinavir. The doctor may have to change the amount of methadone you take whilst on these medicines.
- antibiotics such as ciprofloxacin or macrolide antibiotics for example erythromycin.
- medicines used to treat fungal infections such as ketoconazole or fluconazole.
- St. John’s Wort - a herbal preparation for depression.

If any of the above apply to you, talk to your doctor before taking Methadone Teva 1 mg/ml Oral solution.

Taking Methadone Teva 1 mg/ml Oral solution with food and drink

Do not drink alcohol whilst taking Methadone Teva 1 mg/ml Oral solution. This is because Methadone Teva 1 mg/ml Oral solution can make you feel sleepy and drinking alcohol will make you even more sleepy.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

- Talk to your doctor before taking Methadone Teva 1 mg/ml Oral solution if you are pregnant or likely to become pregnant.
- Take care if you are taking a pregnancy test as the methadone may interfere with the results.
- You should not take this medicine whilst you are in labour.
- Breast-feeding is possible if you are taking 20 mg a day or less of Methadone Teva 1 mg/ml Oral solution. Talk to your doctor before starting breast-feeding.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

Driving and using machines

Methadone Teva 1 mg/ml Oral solution will severely affect your ability to drive or use machines, whilst taking it and afterwards. You should only start doing these activities again with the permission of your doctor.

Important information about some of the ingredients of Methadone Teva 1 mg/ml Oral solution

This medicine contains:

