

Package leaflet: Information for the patient
Tadalafil 20 mg Film-coated Tablets
Tadalafil

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, pharmacist or nurse.
- 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, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

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1. What Tadalafil is and what it is used for

This medicine contains the active substance tadalafil which belongs to a group of medicines called phosphodiesterase type 5 inhibitors.

Tadalafil is used to treat adult men with erectile dysfunction. This is when a man cannot get, or keep a hard, erect penis suitable for sexual activity. Tadalafil has been shown to significantly improve the ability of obtaining a hard erect penis suitable for sexual activity.

Following sexual stimulation tadalafil works by helping the blood vessels in your penis to relax, allowing the flow of blood into your penis. The result of this is improved erectile function. Tadalafil will not help you if you do not have erectile dysfunction.

It is important to note that tadalafil does not work if there is no sexual stimulation. You and your partner will need to engage in foreplay, just as you would if you were not taking a medicine for erectile dysfunction.

Tadalafil is used to treat pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) in adults. Tadalafil works by helping the blood vessels around your lungs relax, improving the flow of blood into your lungs. The result of this is an improved ability to do physical activity.

2. What you need to know before you take Tadalafil

Do not take Tadalafil if you:

- are allergic to the active substance or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).
- are taking any form of organic nitrate or nitric oxide donors such as amyl nitrite. This is a group of medicines (“nitrates”) used in the treatment of angina pectoris (“chest pain”).

Tadalafil has been shown to increase the effects of these medicines. If you are taking any form of nitrate or are unsure tell your doctor.

- have serious heart disease or recently had a heart attack within the last 90 days.
- recently had a stroke within the last 6 months.
- have low blood pressure or uncontrolled high blood pressure, ever had loss of vision because of non-arteritic anterior ischemic optic neuropathy (NAION), a condition described as “stroke of the eye”
- are taking riociguat. This drug is used to treat pulmonary arterial hypertension (i.e., high blood pressure in the lungs) and chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension (i.e., high blood pressure in the lungs secondary to blood clots). PDE5 inhibitors, such as tadalafil, have been shown to increase the hypotensive effects of tadalafil. If you are taking riociguat or are unsure tell your doctor.

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist or nurse before taking Tadalafil.

Be aware that sexual activity carries a possible risk to patients with heart disease because it puts an extra strain on your heart. If you have a heart problem you should tell your doctor.

Before taking the tablets, tell your doctor if you have:

- Sickle cell anaemia (an abnormality of red blood cells).
- Multiple myeloma (cancer of the bone marrow).
- Leukaemia (cancer of the blood cells).
- Any deformation of your penis, or unwanted or persistent erections lasting more than 4 hours.
- A serious liver problem.
- A severe kidney problem
- Any heart problems other than your pulmonary hypertension
- Problems with your blood pressure
- Any hereditary eye disease

It is not known if tadalafil is effective in patients who have had:

- Pelvic surgery.
- Removal of all or part of the prostate gland in which nerves of the prostate are cut (radical non-nerve-sparing prostatectomy).

If you experience sudden decrease or loss of vision or your vision is distorted, dimmed while you are taking tadalafil stop taking tadalafil and contact your doctor immediately.

Decreased or sudden hearing loss has been noted in some patients taking tadalafil. Although it is not known if the event is directly related to tadalafil, if you experience decreased or sudden hearing loss, stop taking tadalafil and contact your doctor immediately.

Children and adolescents

Tadalafil is not intended for use by children and adolescents under the age of 18.

Other medicines and Tadalafil

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines.

Do not take tadalafil if you are already taking nitrates.

Some medicines may be affected by tadalafil or they may affect how well tadalafil will work. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are already taking:

- Bosentan (another treatment for pulmonary arterial hypertension)
- nitrates (for chest pain)
- An alpha blocker (used to treat high blood pressure or urinary symptoms associated with benign prostatic hyperplasia).
- Other medicines to treat high blood pressure.
- Riociguat (used to treat pulmonary arterial hypertension (i.e., high blood pressure in the lungs and chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension).
- A 5- alpha reductase inhibitor (used to treat benign prostatic hyperplasia).
- Medicines such as ketoconazole tablets (to treat fungal infections) and protease inhibitors for treatment of AIDS or HIV infection (ritonavir).
- Phenobarbital, phenytoin and carbamazepine (anticonvulsant medicines).
- Rifampicin, erythromycin, clarithromycin or itraconazole.
- Other treatments for erectile dysfunction (PDE5 inhibitors).

Tadalafil with food, drink and alcohol

Information on the effect of alcohol is in section 3. Grapefruit juice may affect how well tadalafil will work and should be taken with caution. Talk to your doctor for further information.

Pregnancy, breastfeeding and fertility

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor for advice before taking this medicine. Do not take tadalafil when pregnant, unless it is strictly necessary and you have discussed this with your doctor.

Do not breastfeed while taking these tablets as it is not known if the medicine passes into human breast milk. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine while pregnant or breastfeeding.

When dogs were treated there was reduced sperm development in the testes. A reduction in sperm was seen in some men. These effects are unlikely to lead to a lack of fertility.

Driving and using machines

Dizziness has been reported. Check carefully how you react to the tablets before driving or using machines.

Tadalafil tablets contain lactose

If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicinal product.

Information on sodium content

This medicine contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per tablet, that is to say essentially 'sodium-free'.

3. How to take Tadalafil

Always take this medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure. Swallow the tablet whole with some water. The tablets can be taken with or without food.

For the treatment of erectile dysfunction:

The recommended starting dose for erectile dysfunction is one 10 mg tablet before sexual activity. If the effect of this dose is too weak your doctor may increase the dose to 20 mg. Tadalafil tablets are for oral use.

You may take a tadalafil tablet at least 30 minutes before sexual activity. Tadalafil may still be effective up to 36 hours after taking the tablet.

Do not take tadalafil more than once a day. Tadalafil 20 mg is intended for use prior to anticipated sexual activity and is not recommended for continuous daily use.

It is important to note that tadalafil does not work if there is no sexual stimulation. You and your partner will need to engage in foreplay, just as you would if you were not taking a medicine for erectile dysfunction.

Drinking alcohol may affect your ability to get an erection and may temporarily lower your blood pressure. If you have taken or are planning to take tadalafil, avoid excessive drinking (blood alcohol level of 0.08 % or greater), since this may increase the risk of dizziness when standing up.

For the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension:

The usual dose for PAH is two 20 mg tablets taken once a day. You should take both tablets at the same time, one after the other. If you have a mild or moderate liver or kidney problem, your doctor may advise you to take only one 20 mg tablet per day.

If you take more Tadalafil than you should

Contact your doctor. You may experience side effects described in section 4.

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

If you forget to take Tadalafil

Take your dose as soon as you remember if it is within 8 hours of when you should have taken your dose. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose. You should not take Tadalafil more than once a day.

If you stop taking Tadalafil

For the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension, do not stop taking your tablets unless advised otherwise by your doctor. If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. These effects are normally mild to moderate in nature.

If you experience any of the following side effects STOP using the medicine and seek medical help immediately:

- Allergic reactions including rashes (frequency uncommon).

- Chest pain - do not use nitrates but seek immediate medical assistance (frequency uncommon).
- Priapism, a prolonged and possibly painful erection after taking tadalafil (frequency rare). If you have such an erection, which lasts continuously for more than 4 hours you should contact a doctor immediately.
- Sudden loss of vision (frequency rare) distorted, dimmed, blurred central vision or sudden decrease of vision (frequency not known)

Side effects in erectile dysfunction

Common: may affect up to 1 in 10 people

- Headache, back pain, muscle aches, pain in arms and legs, facial flushing, nasal congestion and indigestion

Uncommon: may affect up to 1 in 100 people

- Dizziness, stomach ache, feeling sick, being sick (vomiting), reflux, blurred vision, eye pain, difficulty in breathing, presence of blood in urine, prolonged erection, pounding heartbeat sensation, a fast heart rate, high blood pressure, low blood pressure, nose bleeds, ringing in the ears, swelling of the hands, feet or ankles and feeling tired

Rare: may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people

- Fainting, seizures and passing memory loss, swelling of the eyelids, red eyes, sudden decrease or loss of hearing and hives (itchy red welts on the surface of the skin), penile bleeding, presence of blood in semen and increased sweating.

Heart attack and stroke have also been reported rarely in men taking tadalafil. Most of these men had known heart problems before taking tadalafil.

Partial, temporary, or permanent decrease or loss of vision in one or both eyes has been rarely reported.

Some additional rare side effects have been reported in men taking tadalafil that were not seen in clinical trials. These include:

- Migraine, swelling of the face, serious allergic reaction which causes swelling of the face or throat, serious skin rashes, some disorders affecting blood flow to the eyes, irregular heartbeats, angina and sudden cardiac death.
- Distorted, dimmed, blurred central vision or sudden decrease of vision (frequency not known).

The side effect dizziness has been reported more frequently in men over 75 years of age taking tadalafil. Diarrhoea has been reported more frequently in men over 65 years of age taking tadalafil.

Side effects in pulmonary arterial hypertension

Very common (may affect more than 1 in 10 people)

- headache, flushing, nasal and sinus congestion (blocked nose), nausea, indigestion (including abdominal pain or discomfort), muscle aches, back pain and pain in the extremity (including limb discomfort)

Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)

- blurred vision, low blood pressure, nosebleed, vomiting, increased or abnormal uterine bleeding, swelling of the face, acid reflux, migraine, irregular heartbeat and fainting.

Uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)

-seizures, passing memory loss, hives, excessive sweating, penile bleeding, presence of blood in semen and/or urine, high blood pressure, fast heart rate, sudden cardiac death and ringing in the ears.

Most but not all of those men reporting fast heart rate, irregular heartbeat, heart attack, stroke and sudden cardiac death had known heart problems before taking tadalafil. It is not possible to determine whether these events were related directly to tadalafil.

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly to HPRA Pharmacovigilance, Earlsfort Terrace, IRL - Dublin 2, Tel: +353 1 6764971, Fax: +353 1 6762517, Website: www.hpra.ie

By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Tadalafil

- Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.
- Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and blister after 'EXP'. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.
- This medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.
- Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

6. Contents of the pack and other information**What Tadalafil contains**

- The active substance is tadalafil. Each film-coated tablet 20 mg of tadalafil.
- The other ingredients are:
Tablet core: hydroxypropyl cellulose, lactose monohydrate, croscarmellose sodium, sodium laurilsulfate, povidone K-25, silica colloidal anhydrous, magnesium stearate,
Tablet Coat: hypromellose, titanium dioxide (E171), macrogol, talc, iron oxide yellow (E172).

What Tadalafil looks like and contents of the pack

- 20 mg: Yellow to light yellow, round shaped, bevelled edge, film-coated tablets debossed with 'L339' on one side and plain on other side. The tablet dimensions are approximately 5.30 mm
- 20 mg : This medicine is available in blister packs containing 4, 12, 24, 48, 56 and 120 tablets. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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