Package leaflet: Information for the user

Prucalopride Amarox 1 mg film-coated tablets
Prucalopride Amarox 2 mg film-coated tablets
prucalopride

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. See section 4.

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1. What Prucalopride Amarox is and what it is used for

Prucalopride Amarox contains the active substance prucalopride.

Prucalopride Amarox belongs to a group of gut motility enhancing medicines (gastrointestinal prokinetics). It acts on the muscle wall of the gut, helping to restore the normal functioning of the bowel. Prucalopride Amarox is used for the treatment of chronic constipation in adults in whom laxatives do not work well enough.

Not for use in children and adolescents younger than 18 years.

2. What you need to know before you take Prucalopride Amarox

Do not take Prucalopride Amarox:
- if you are allergic to prucalopride or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).
- if you are on renal dialysis,
- if you suffer from perforation or obstruction of the gut wall, severe inflammation of the intestinal tract, such as Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis or toxic megacolon/megarectum.

Warnings and precautions
Talk to your doctor before taking Prucalopride Amarox.

Take special care with Prucalopride Amarox and tell your doctor if you:
- suffer from severe kidney disease,
- suffer from severe liver disease,
- are currently under supervision by a doctor for a serious medical problem such as lung or heart disease, nervous system or mental health problems, cancer, AIDS or a hormonal disorder.

If you have very bad diarrhoea, the contraceptive pill may not work properly and the use of an extra method of contraception is recommended. See the instructions in the patient leaflet of the contraceptive pill you are taking.

Other medicines and Prucalopride Amarox
Tell your doctor if you are taking, or have recently taken, or might take any other medicines.

Prucalopride Amarox with food and drink
Prucalopride Amarox can be taken with or without food and drinks, at any time of the day.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding
Prucalopride Amarox is not recommended for use during pregnancy.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant.
- Use a reliable method of contraception while you're taking Prucalopride Amarox, to prevent pregnancy.
- If you do become pregnant during treatment with Prucalopride Amarox, tell your doctor.

When breast-feeding, prucalopride can pass into breast milk. Breast-feeding is not recommended during treatment with Prucalopride Amarox. Talk to your doctor about this.

Ask your doctor for advice before taking any medicine.

Driving and using machines
Prucalopride Amarox is unlikely to affect your ability to drive or use machines. However, sometimes Prucalopride Amarox may cause dizziness and tiredness, especially on the first day of treatment, and this may have an effect on driving and use of machines.

Prucalopride Amarox contains lactose
This medicine contains lactose. If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicine.

3. How to take Prucalopride Amarox

Always take this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure. Take Prucalopride Amarox every day for as long as your doctor prescribes it.

The doctor may want to reassess your condition and the benefit of continued treatment after the first 4 weeks and thereafter at regular intervals.

The usual dose of Prucalopride Amarox for most patients is one 2 mg tablet once a day.

If you are older than 65 years or have severe liver disease, the starting dose is one 1 mg tablet once a day, which your doctor may increase to 2 mg once a day if needed.

Your doctor may also recommend a lower dose of one 1 mg tablet daily if you have severe kidney disease.

Taking a higher dose than recommended will not make the product work better.

Prucalopride Amarox is only for adults and should not be taken by children and adolescents up to 18 years.

If you take more Prucalopride Amarox than you should

It is important to keep to the dose as prescribed by your doctor. If you have taken more Prucalopride Amarox than you should, it is possible that you will get diarrhoea, headache and/or nausea. In case of diarrhoea, make sure that you drink enough water.

If you forget to take Prucalopride Amarox
Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten tablet. Just take your next dose at the usual time.

If you stop taking Prucalopride Amarox
If you stop taking Prucalopride Amarox, your constipation symptoms may come back again.

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. The side effects mostly occur at the start of treatment and usually disappear within a few days with continued treatment.

The following side effects have been reported very commonly (may affect more than 1 in 10 people): headache, feeling sick, diarrhoea and abdominal pain.

The following side effects have been reported commonly (may affect up to 1 in 10 people): decreased appetite, dizziness, vomiting, disturbed digestion (dyspepsia), windiness, abnormal bowel sounds, tiredness.

The following uncommon side effects have also been seen (may affect up to 1 in 100 people): tremors, pounding heart, rectal bleeding, increase in frequency of passing urine (pollakiuria), fever and feeling unwell. If pounding heart occurs, please tell your doctor.

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 via
HPRA Pharmacovigilance
Website: www.hpra.ie
By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Prucalopride Amarox

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 blister and carton after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

This medicine 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 Prucalopride Amarox contains
The active substance is prucalopride.
Each film-coated tablet contains prucalopride succinate equivalent to 1 mg or 2 mg prucalopride.

The other ingredients are:
Tablet core: Cellulose, microcrystalline (E 460(i)), lactose monohydrate, silica colloidal anhydrous (E 551) and magnesium stearate (E 470b)

Tablet coating:
1 mg: Hypromellose (E464), titanium dioxide (E171), lactose monohydrate, macrogol (E1521) and triacetin (E1518)
2 mg: Hypromellose (E464), lactose monohydrate, titanium dioxide (E171), macrogol (E1521), triacetin (E1518), iron oxide yellow (E172) and iron oxide red (E172)

What Prucalopride Amarox looks like and contents of the pack
Prucalopride Amarox 1 mg film-coated tablets
White to off-white color, round biconvex approximately 8.0 mm, film-coated tablets debossed with "76" on one side and "V1" on other side.

Prucalopride Amarox 2 mg film-coated tablets
Yellow color, round biconvex approximately 8.5 mm, film-coated tablets debossed with "77" on one side and "V1" on other side.

Prucalopride Amarox is available in blister pack containing 1, 14, 28 or 84 film-coated tablets.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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This medicine is authorised in the Member States of the European Economic Area under the following names:

DE	Prucaloprid Amarox 1 mg/2 mg Filmtabletten
DK	Prucalopride Amarox
ES	Prucaloprida Tarbis 1 mg/2 mg comprimidos recubiertos con película EFG
FR	PRUCALOPRIDE AMAROX 1 mg/2 mg, comprimé pelliculé
IE	Prucalopride Amarox 1 mg/2 mg film-coated tablets
IT	Prucalopride Amarox
NL	Prucalopride Amarox 1 mg/2 mg filmomhulde tabletten
SE	Prucalopride Amarox 1 mg/2 mg filmdragerade tabletter

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