

Drug Information Sheet("Kusuri-no-Shiori")

Internal

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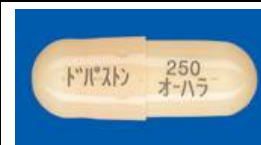
The information on this sheet is based on approvals granted by the Japanese regulatory authority. Approval details may vary by country. Medicines have adverse reactions (risks) as well as efficacies (benefits). It is important to minimize adverse reactions and maximize efficacy. To obtain a better therapeutic response, patients should understand their medication and cooperate with the treatment.

Brand name:DOPASTON CAPSULES 250mg

Active ingredient:Levodopa

Dosage form:pale yellowish red capsule (major axis: 17.8 mm, minor axis: 6.4 mm)

Print on wrapping:DOPASTON, OH-279, ドパストン, ドパストン 250mg



Effects of this medicine

This medicine is taken up into the brain; changes into dopamine to supplement insufficient dopamine. It takes effect on akinesia, muscle rigidity and tremor associated with Parkinson's disease or parkinsonian syndrome and consequently improves bodily movement on daily life.

It is usually used for the treatment of Parkinson's disease and parkinsonian syndrome.

Before using this medicine, be sure to tell your doctor and pharmacist

- If you ever experienced any allergic reaction (itch, rash, etc.) to any medicine.
If you are a patient with glaucoma.
- If you are pregnant or breastfeeding.
- If you are taking any other medicinal products. (Some medicines may interact to enhance or diminish medicinal effects. Beware of over-the-counter medicines and dietary supplements as well as other prescription medicines.)

Dosing schedule (How to take this medicine)

- Your dosing schedule prescribed by your doctor is<< to be written by a healthcare professional>>
- In general, for adults, take 1 to 3 capsules (250 to 750 mg of the active ingredient) daily, immediately after meal(s), in 1 to 3 divided doses. After that, the daily dosage will be increased by 1 capsule (250 mg), every 2 or 3 days, and the optimal maintenance dose [standard daily dose is 6 to 14 capsules (1.5 to 3.5 g)] will be determined. The dosage may be adjusted according to the diseases, age or symptoms. Strictly follow the instructions of your doctor/pharmacist.
- If you miss a dose, take a dose as soon as possible when you remembered that you missed a dose. However, if it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and continue your regular dosing schedule. DO NOT take double doses to make up for the missed dose.
- If you took too much of the medicine (more than prescribed), check with your doctor/pharmacist.
- Do not stop taking the medicine without the instructions of your doctor.

Precautions while taking this medicine

- The medicine may cause sudden sleep, unconsciousness, decline of attention, concentration or reflection. Avoid driving a car or operating dangerous machinery after taking the medicine.
- Consult your doctor if your sweat, urine or saliva turned black while you are receiving the treatment with the medicine.

Possible adverse reactions to this medicine

The most commonly reported adverse reactions include nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, dyskinesia (tremor, continuous involuntary movements of tongue or jaw), psychological symptom (talkativeness, disorientation) insomnia, headache, dry mouth, dizziness, rash, anemia, etc. If any of these symptoms occur, consult with your doctor/pharmacist.

The symptoms described below are rarely seen as initial symptoms of the adverse reactions indicated in brackets. If any of these symptoms occur, stop taking this medicine and see your doctor immediately.

- high fever, muscle rigidity, tremor or convulsion of the limbs [neuroleptic malignant syndrome]
- loss of sense of place or time, to see or hear nonexistent things, general malaise [confusion, hallucination, depression]
- epigastric pain, tenderness, vomiting [deterioration of gastric or duodenal ulcer]
- general malaise, palpitation, breathlessness, reddish brown urine [hemolytic anemia, thrombopenia]
- sudden drowsiness without any signs [sudden sleep]

The above symptoms do not describe all the adverse reactions to this medicine. Consult with your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any symptoms of concern other than those listed above.

Storage conditions and other information

- Keep the medicine out of the reach of children. Store it away from light, heat and moisture.
- Discard the remainder. Do not store them.

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For further information, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

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