

Labixten[®] Consumer Leaflet

bilastine 20 mg

Patient information

Please read this leaflet carefully before you start taking Labixten because it contains important information for you.

This leaflet contains some common questions about Labixten. It does not take the place of talking to your healthcare professional.

All medicines have risks and benefits.

If you have any concerns about taking this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Keep this leaflet with the medicine as you may need to read it again.

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1. What is Labixten used for

Labixten contains the active substance bilastine which is a non-drowsy antihistamine. It is used to:

- relieve the symptoms of hay fever (sneezing, itchy, runny, blocked nose and red watery and itchy eyes) and other forms of allergic rhinitis.
- treat itchy skin rashes (hives or urticaria).

2. What you need to know before you take Labixten

Do not take Labixten if you are allergic to bilastine or any of the other ingredients in this medicine listed at the end of this leaflet.

Talk to your healthcare professional before taking Labixten if you have moderate or severe kidney problems and are also taking other medicines listed further below.

Warnings and precautions:

Children and adolescents

Do not give this medicine to children under 12 years of age.

Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you get without a prescription.

In particular, please discuss with your doctor if you are taking any of the following medicines:

- Diltiazem (to treat angina)
- Cyclosporine (to reduce the activity of your immune system)
- Ritonavir (to treat HIV/AIDS)
- Rifampicin (an antibiotic)

Pregnancy, breastfeeding and fertility

There is limited data available on use in pregnant women, during breastfeeding, and on fertility.

Consult your healthcare professional before taking Labixten if you are pregnant or breastfeeding or are planning to have a baby.

Effects on ability to drive or use machinery

It has been demonstrated that bilastine does not affect adult driving performance. However, the response from each patient to the medicine may be different.

Although this medicine is unlikely to affect your ability to drive or operate machinery, a few people may be impaired and care should be taken.

3. How to take Labixten

Adults and adolescents 12 years and over: Take one tablet daily with a glass of water for as long as required. Take your tablet on an empty stomach, either at least one hour before or two hours after having food or fruit juice (such as grapefruit).

When to take it

Take Labixten at about the same time each day. Labixten provides fast acting 24 hour symptom relief. Taking it at the same time each day will have the best effect. It may take up to 1 hour for you to experience relief of your allergy symptoms.

How long to take it

Labixten helps control your condition, but it does not cure it. You can stop taking Labixten when you know you are no longer exposed to your hayfever/ allergy triggers, or you know you have obtained sufficient relief from your symptoms.

Labixten can be restarted if your symptoms recur or are expected to recur.

Speak to your healthcare professional if you are unsure how long you should take Labixten for. If symptoms persist, consult your healthcare professional.

If you take too much (overdose)

Immediately telephone your doctor or the National Poisons Centre (telephone 0800 POISON or 0800 764 766), or go to Accident and Emergency at your nearest hospital, if you think that you or anyone else may have taken too much Labixten.

Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

4. Possible side effects

Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while taking Labixten.

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

Do not be alarmed by the following lists of side effects. You may not experience any of them. Similar side effects were seen in patients taking 'dummy' or placebo tablets during the clinical studies.

Tell your healthcare professional if you notice any of the following and they worry you:

- headache
- drowsiness or tiredness
- dizziness
- mild stomach upsets such as stomach pain, belly pain, nausea or diarrhoea
- indigestion
- increased appetite or weight
- dry or uncomfortable nose
- thirst and dry mouth
- itching
- fever
- cold sores
- irregular heartbeat
- tinnitus (ringing in the ears)
- vertigo (a feeling of dizziness or spinning)

These are mild side effects of Labixten.

If any of the following happen, tell your doctor immediately or go to Accident and Emergency at your nearest hospital:

- swelling of the face, lip, mouth or throat which may cause difficulty in swallowing or breathing
- swelling and redness of the skin
- collapsing or losing consciousness

These are very serious side effects. If you notice any of them, you may have had a serious allergic

reaction to Labixten. You may need urgent medical attention or hospitalisation. These side effects are rare.

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

5. How to store Labixten

Keep this medicine out of sight and reach of children.

Do not take if the blister seal is broken. Do not take this medicine after the expiry date printed on the carton and blister.

Store in cool, dry place away from sunlight where the temperature stays below 30°C.

6. Further information

Labixten tablets are white, oval, biconvex and scored. The tablets are supplied in packs of 10 and 30 tablets.

The active ingredient contained in each tablet is 20 mg of bilastine. Labixten also contains microcrystalline cellulose, sodium starch glycolate, colloidal silicon dioxide and magnesium stearate.

Labixten is supplied in New Zealand by:

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