Fenofibrate

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Name
LIPANTHYL® 300, capsule.

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Composition per capsule
Fenofibrate (INN): 300 mg.
Sodium lauryl sulphate, lactose, pregelatinised starch, magnesium stearate.
Capsule shell: gelatin, titanium dioxide (E171), quinoline yellow (E104), erythrosin (E127).

Pharmaceutical formulation
Hard capsule.

Pharmaco-Therapeutic
Serum lipid reducing agents/cholesterol and triglyceride reducers/fibrates

Manufacturer
Recipharm Fontaine
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THERAPEUTIC INDICATIONS
This medication is recommended for the treatment of hypercholesterolaemia (abnormally elevated levels of cholesterol in the blood) and/or hypertriglyceridaemia (abnormally elevated levels of triglycerides - fats - in the blood) in adults, when the response to an appropriate and correctly observed diet is inadequate.

WARNING!

Cases where this medication should not be used
This medication SHOULD NOT BE USED in the following cases:
- hepatic (liver) impairment,
- renal impairment,
- in children,
- known allergy to fenofibrate or to one of the excipients,

- known phototoxic or photoallergic reactions (skin reactions following exposure to the sun or to artificial UV light) in the course of a treatment with fenofibrate or with a structurally-related substance, in particular ketoprofen (anti-inflammatory drug).

Special Warnings
- Inform your doctor immediately if you experience muscle pains (see “Undesirable and discomforting effects” section).
- Liver tests will be performed before the treatment starts. These will be repeated regularly during the first year of treatment,
- Due to the presence of lactose, this product is contra-indicated in case of congenital galactosemia, glucose and/or galactose malabsorption syndrome, or lactase deficiency (rare metabolic disease).

Precautions for use
Taking this medication does not replace the diet you are on; its regular continuation is still essential. Regular blood tests are required.

Drug interactions and other interactions
TO AVOID POSSIBLE REACTIONS WITH OTHER DRUGS, PLEASE INFORM YOUR DOCTOR OF ANY OTHER PRODUCTS YOU ARE CURRENTLY TAKING AND DO NOT HESITATE TO TELL YOUR DOCTOR OR YOUR PHARMACIST ABOUT ANY ABNORMAL SIGNS YOU NOTICE DURING THE TREATMENT, particularly if you are taking an anticoagulant or another drug to treat high cholesterol (another fibrate, statin).

Pregnancy - Breast-Feeding
It is unadvisable to take this medication during pregnancy. If you discover that you are pregnant and have been taking this medication, please stop the treatment immediately and consult your doctor. As no information is available concerning the transfer of this medication in breast milk, this treatment is not advisable during breast-feeding.
HOW TO USE THIS MEDICATION

Dosage
The dosage is set at 1 capsule daily.

IN ALL CASES, FOLLOW EXACTLY THE PRESCRIPTION GIVEN BY YOUR DOCTOR.

Administration Method and Route
Oral route.

Frequency and time at which you should take this medication
The treatment is to be taken as 1 capsule daily, during a meal, as noted in your doctor’s prescription.

Treatment Duration
In combination with dieting this medication constitutes long-term symptomatic treatment that is regularly monitored.

To use this medication correctly it is very important that you undergo regular medical check-ups.

UNDESIRABLE AND DISCOMFORTING EFFECTS
LIKE ANY ACTIVE PRODUCT, THIS MEDICATION CAN, IN CERTAIN PERSONS, HAVE UNPLEASANT SIDE-EFFECTS WHICH CAUSE A GREATER OR LESSER DEGREE OF DISCOMFORT.

These effects occur rarely and are benign:
- gastrointestinal disorders such as digestion difficulties,
- allergic or photosensitivity skin reactions such as eruptions, or itching (during an exposure to the sun or to artificial UV light). In some cases, even after several months of use without complication, a skin reaction may appear on skin areas exposed to the sun or to artificial UV light (sunbeds),
- transiently elevated transaminases (liver enzymes),
- gallstones,
- pneumopathies,
- muscle pains (with occasionally an increase in muscle enzymes).

If you feel any muscle pain, painful muscle sensitivity or muscle weakness, contact your doctor immediately as muscle disorders can in rare cases be serious.

REPORT ANY UNDESIRABLE OR DISCOMFORTING EFFECTS NOT MENTIONED IN THIS DOCUMENT TO YOUR DOCTOR OR YOUR PHARMACIST.

STORAGE
Do not exceed the expiry date noted on the packet special storage conditions
Keep in a dry place, below 25°C.

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