

# Venlax

(Venlafaxine INN)

**Presentation :**

Each tablet contains Venlafaxine hydrochloride INN 84.90 mg equivalent to Venlafaxine 75 mg.

**Indications :**

- 1) Depressive illness
- 2) Generalised anxiety disorder

**Dosage and administration :**

*Depression* : Initially 75 mg daily in 2 divided doses. Can be increased if necessary after several weeks to 150 mg daily in 2 divided doses.

*Severely depressed or hospitalized patients* : Initially 150 mg daily in 2 divided doses. Can be increased if necessary in steps of up to 75 mg every 2-3 days to max. 376 mg daily then gradually reduced.

Generalised anxiety disorder : 75 mg daily as a single dose.

**Contraindication :**

Severe hepatic or renal impairment; pregnancy and breast-feeding.

**Use in pregnancy and lactation :**

History of myocardial infarction or unstable heart disease, blood pressure monitoring advisable if dose exceeds 200 mg daily, history of epilepsy, mania, hepatic or renal impairment, avoid abrupt withdrawal ( if taken for more than 1 week withdraw over at least 1 week); glaucoma.

**Side effects :**

Side effects that have been most frequently reported with Venlafaxine include nausea, headache, insomnia, dry mouth, dizziness, constipation, sweating, nervousness, asthenia. Orthostatic has been seen occasionally. Other side effects reported include anorexia, dyspepsia, abdominal pain, anxiety sexual dysfunction, visual disturbances, vasodilatation, vomiting, tremor, chills palpitations, agitation, rashes, convulsion, hypertension.

**Drug interactions :**

Venlafaxine should not be used concomitantly with MAOIs, Cimetidine inhibits the hepatic metabolism of Venlafaxine.

**Commercial pack :**

Each Box Contains 2 blister strips of 10 tablets



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