

Citapram

(Citalopram INN)

Presentation :

- Citapram 10 :** Each tablet contains Citalopram hydrobromide equivalent to Citalopram INN 10 mg.
- Citapram 20 :** Each tablet contains Citalopram hydrobromide equivalent to Citalopram INN 20 mg.

Indications :

- 1) Depressive illness
- 2) Panic disorder

Dosage and administration :

Depressive illness : 20 mg daily as a single dose in the morning or evening increased if necessary to max. 60 mg daily (ELDERLY max. 40 mg daily). CHILD not recommended.

Panic disorder : Initially 10 mg daily increased to 20 mg after 7 days, usual dose 20-30 mg daily; max. 60 mg daily (ELDERLY max. 40 mg daily); CHILD not recommended.

Contraindications :

Citalopram should not be used if the patient enters a manic phase.

Precautions :

Citalopram should be used with caution in patients with epilepsy, concurrent electroconvulsive therapy, history of mania, cardiac disease, diabetes mellitus, angle-closure glaucoma, history of bleeding disorders, hepatic and renal impairment, pregnancy and breast feeding.

Side effects :

Palpitation, postural hypotension, coughing, yawning, confusion, impaired concentration, amnesia, migraine, taste disturbance, increased salivation, rhinitis, tinnitus, micturition disorders.

Drug interactions :

Citapram should not be taken concurrently with MAOIs, Serotonin agonists, Neuroleptics, Cimetidine, Alcohol, Ketoconazole, Itraconazole, Macrolide antibiotics.

Use in pregnancy and lactation :

Pregnancy : There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women; therefore, Citalopram should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

Lactation : Citalopram is excreted in human breast milk. So, the decision whether to continue or discontinue either nursing or Citalopram therapy should take into account the risks of Citalopram exposure for the infants and the benefits of Citalopram treatment for the mother.

Overdosage :

Doses as high as 2000 mg have been taken without signs of alternation in cardiovascular parameters. Respiratory depression, convulsion may occur.

Commercial pack :

Citapram 10 : Each box contains 5 blister strips of 10 tablets.

Citapram 20 : Each box contains 3 blister strips of 10 tablets.



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