# Ramipro

(Ramipril BP)

**Presentation :**
**Ramipro 2.5 :** Each film coated tablet contains Ramipril BP 2.5 mg.
**Ramipro 5 :** Each film coated tablet contains Ramipril BP 5 mg.

**Indications :**
1) Mild to moderate hypertension
2) Congestive heart failure
3) Myocardial infarction in patients with clinical evidence of heart failure.
4) Prevention of myocardial infarction, stroke, cardiovascular death.
5) Proteinuric non-diabetic nephropathy.

**Dosage and administration :**
*In hypertension :* Initially 1.25 mg once daily, increased at intervals of 1-2 weeks; usual range 2.5-5 mg once daily; max. 10 mg once daily.
*In heart failure (adjunct) :* Initially 1.25 mg once daily under close medical supervision, increased if necessary at intervals of 1-2 weeks; max. 10 mg daily (daily doses of 2.5 mg or more may be taken in 1-2 divided doses).
*Prophylaxis after myocardial infarction (started in hospital 3 to 10 days after infarction) :* Initially 2.5 mg twice daily, increased after 2 days to 5 mg twice daily, maintenance 2.5-5 mg twice daily. (If initial 2.5 mg dose not tolerated, give 1.25 mg twice daily for 2 days before increasing to 2.5 mg twice daily, then 5 mg twice daily; withdraw if 2.5 mg twice daily not tolerated.)
*Prophylaxis of cardiovascular events or stroke :* Initially 2.5 mg once daily, increased after 1 week to 5 mg once daily, then increased after a further 3 weeks to 10 mg once daily.

**Contraindications :**
Ramipril is contraindicated in patients who are hypersensitive to any component of this product and in patients with a history of angioedema related to previous treatment with a ACE inhibitor.

**Precautions :**
Ramipril should be used with caution in patients with impaired renal function, hyperkalemia, hypotension, surgery, anesthesia and impaired hepatic function.

**Side effects :**
Ramipril is generally well tolerated. Dizziness, headache, fatigue and asthenia are commonly reported side effects. Other side effects occurring less frequently include symptomatic hypotension, cough, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, rash, urticaria, oliguria, anxiety, amnesia etc. Angioneurotic edema, anaphylactic reactions and hyperkalemia have also been reported rarely.

**Use in pregnancy and lactation :**
*Pregnancy :* Pregnancy should be excluded before start of treatment with Ramipril and avoided during treatment. However, if pregnancy is detected, Ramipril should be discontinued as early as possible unless continued use in considered life saving.
*Lactation :* Ramipril should not be used during lactation.

**Use in children :**
No information is yet available on the use of Ramipril in children.

**Drug Interactions :**
Concomitant administration with diuretics may lead to serious hypotension and in addition dangerous hyperkalemia with potassium sparing diuretics. Concomitant therapy with lithium may increase the serum lithium concentration. Reduction in BP may affect the ability to drive and operate machinery and this may be exacerbated by alcohol. NSAIDs may reduce the antihypertensive effect of Ramipril and cause deterioration of renal function.

**Commercial Pack :**
**Ramipro 2.5 :** Each box contains 5 blister strips of 10 tablets.
**Ramipro 5 :** Each box contains 3 blister strips of 10 tablets.

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