

## LOPAMIDE

**For the use of a Registered Medical Practitioner or a Hospital or a Laboratory only**

Abbreviated Prescribing information for LOPAMIDE (Loperamide Hydrochloride 2mg tablets)  
[Please refer the complete prescribing information available at [www.torrentpharma.com](http://www.torrentpharma.com)]

**PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES:** Loperamide hydrochloride is a synthetic opioid which inhibits gut motility by binding to opiate receptors in the gut wall and may also reduce gastrointestinal secretions, resulting in improvement in diarrhoea symptoms. Loperamide also increases the tone of the anal sphincter.

**INDICATION:** For the symptomatic treatment of acute diarrhoea of any aetiology including acute exacerbations of chronic diarrhoea for up to 5 days in adults and children over 9 years, chronic diarrhoea in adults(POM), acute diarrhoea in adults and children over 12 years (P and GSL), acute diarrhoea associated with irritable bowel syndrome in adults (P only).

**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION:** **a) Acute diarrhea** **i. P and POM:** Adults, including the elderly and children over 12 years: Two tablets initially followed by 1 tablet after each loose motion, up to a maximum of eight tablets in 24 hours. The usual dose is 3 to 4 tablets daily. **ii. POM 1.** Children 9-12 years: One tablet four times daily until diarrhoea is controlled (up to 5 days). **2.** Children under 9 years: Not recommended. **iii. GSL:** Adults, including the elderly and children over 12 years: Two tablets initially followed by 1 tablet after every loose motion, up to a maximum of six tablets in 24 hours. **b) Chronic diarrhoea in adults and the elderly (POM):** Initially two to four tablets to be taken daily in divided doses depending on severity. The dose can subsequently be adjusted as necessary up to a maximum of 8 tablets daily. **c) Symptomatic treatment of diarrhoea associated with irritable bowel syndrome in adults and the elderly (P):** Two tablets to be taken initially. The usual dose is between two and four tablets daily in divided doses, depending on severity. If necessary, the dose may be increased up to a maximum daily dosage of 8 tablets.

**CONTRAINDICATION:** Contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity, in children less than 12 years, acute dysentery which is characterised by blood in stools and high fever, acute ulcerative colitis, bacterial enterocolitis and pseudomembranous colitis.

**WARNINGS & PRECAUTIONS:** Caution is advised in patients with persistent diarrhea, acute diarrhea with no improvement and diarrhoea associated with Irritable Bowel Syndrome previously diagnosed by your doctor. Patients with AIDS treated with Loperamide tablet for diarrhoea should have therapy stopped at the earliest signs of abdominal distension. Use cautiously in hepatic impaired patient avoid during pregnancy and lactation.

**DRUG INTERACTION:** Quinidine, ritonavir, P-glycoprotein inhibitors, itraconazole, gemfibrozil, ketoconazole and desmopressin.

**ADVERSE REACTIONS:** Constipation, flatulence, headache, nausea, hypersensitivity reaction, anaphylactic reaction, dizziness, somnolence, loss of consciousness, stupor, hypertonia, coordination abnormality, miosis, abdominal pain, abdominal discomfort, dry mouth, abdominal pain upper, ileus, vomiting, megacolon, glossodynia, abdominal distension, dyspepsia, rash, bullous eruption, angioedema, urticaria, pruritus, urinary retention and fatigue.

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