

CALCIGARD RETARD

For the use of a Registered Medical Practitioner or a Hospital or a Laboratory Only

Abbreviated Prescribing information for **Calcigard retard** [Nifedipine I.P 10/20mg sustain release tablets] [Please refer the complete prescribing information available at www.torrentpharma.com]

PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES: Nifedipine is a calcium ion influx inhibitor (slow-channel blocker or calcium ion antagonist) and inhibits the transmembrane influx of calcium ions into cardiac muscle and smooth muscle. Nifedipine is an antianginal drug

INDICATION: Indicated for the treatment of **vasospastic Angina:** confirmed by classical pattern of angina at rest accompanied by ST segment elevation, angina or coronary artery spasm provoked by ergonovine, or angiographically demonstrated coronary artery spasm. Also indicated for **Chronic Stable Angina and hypertension.**

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION: Therapy for either hypertension or angina should be initiated with 30 or 60 mg once daily. Doses above 120 mg are not recommended. Nifedipine Sustained-Release Tablets should be swallowed whole and should not be bitten or divided.

CONTRAINDICATION: Contraindicated in patient with known hypersensitivity reaction to nifedipine.

WARNINGS & PRECAUTIONS: Occasional patients have had excessive hypotension, Increased Angina and/or Myocardial Infarction, should not be used for the control of essential hypertension, increased angina in a setting of beta blocker withdrawal and nifedipine initiation, congestive heart failure, peripheral edema and significant elevations of enzymes such as alkaline phosphatase, CPK, LDH, SGOT, and SGPT.

DRUG INTERACTIONS: Beta-adrenergic blocking agents, digitalis, quinidine, CYP3A4 inducer and grapefruit juice.

ADVERSE REACTIONS: Dizziness, lightheadness, giddiness, flushing, heat sensation, headache, weakness, nausea, heart burn, muscle cramps, tremors, nervousness, mood change, palpitation, dysnea, cough, wheezing, nasal congestion, sore throat, shortness of breath, diarrhea, constipation, inflammation, joint stiffness, sleeps disturbances, blurred vision, difficulties in balance, dermatitis, pruritus, urticaria, fever, sweating, chills, sexual difficulties, thrombocytopenia, anemia, leukopenia, purpura, allergic hepatitis, angioedema (mostly oropharyngeal edema with breathing difficulty in a few patients), gingival hyperplasia, paranoid syndrome, tinnitus, nocturia, polyuria, exfoliative dermatitis, gynecomastia and myalgia.

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