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POTCHLOR PR

Potassium Chloride Prolonged-release Tablets BP 600mg

Composition:
Each film coated prolonged release tablet contains:
Potassium Chloride BP 600mg
Excipients q.s.
Approved colours used.

Pharmaceutical Form:
Film coated Tablets

Therapeutic indications:
POTCHLOR PR are used for the prevention and treatment of potassium depletion and/or hypokalaemia and prevention of diuretic-induced hypokalaemia.

Posology and method of administration:

Posology:
- For treatment of low levels of potassium:
  Usual dose is 5 to 6 tablets each day.
  Maximum dose is 12 tablets each day.

- For prevention of low levels of potassium:
  The usual dose is 2 to 3 tablets each day.

Method of administration:
For oral use.

Contraindications:
POTCHLOR PR are contraindicated for hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients of the formulation.

Warnings and Precautions:
Potassium salts should be given with considerable care to patients with cardiac disease or conditions predisposing to hyperkalaemia such as renal or adrenocortical insufficiency, acute dehydration, or extensive tissue destruction as occurs with severe burns. Excessive use of potassium-containing salt substitutes or potassium supplements may lead to accumulation of potassium especially in patients with renal insufficiency. Regular monitoring of clinical status, serum electrolytes, and the ECG is advisable in patients receiving potassium therapy, particularly those with cardiac or renal impairment.

Drug interactions:
Potassium supplements should be used with caution, if at all, in patients receiving drugs that increase serum-potassium concentrations. These include potassium-sparing diuretics, ACE inhibitors, ciclosporin, and drugs that contain potassium such as the potassium salts of penicillin.
Similarly, the concomitant use of potassium-containing salt substitutes for flavouring food should be avoided.
Antimuscarinics delay gastric emptying and consequently may increase the risk of gastrointestinal adverse effects in patients receiving solid oral dosage forms of potassium.

Pregnancy and Lactation:
POTCHLOR PR should not be used during pregnancy & breast-feeding.

Undesirable effects:
Excessive doses of potassium may lead to the development of hyperkalaemia, especially in patients with renal impairment. Symptoms include paraesthesia of the extremities, muscle weakness, paralysis, cardiac arrhythmias, heart block, cardiac arrest, and confusion. Cardiac toxicity is of particular concern after intravenous dosage.
Pain or phlebitis may occur when given intravenously via peripheral veins, particularly at higher concentrations.
Nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, and abdominal cramps may occur with oral potassium salts. There have been numerous reports of gastrointestinal ulceration, sometimes with haemorrhage and perforation or with the late formation of strictures, after the use of enteric-coated tablets of potassium chloride. Ulceration may also occurred after the use of sustained-release tablets.

Overdose:
In cases of acute oral overdosage of potassium supplements, the stomach should be emptied by gastric lavage.

Storage:
Store below 30°C in dry place.
Protect from light.
Keep the medicine out of reach of children.

Presentation:
100 Tablets are packed in a Jar along with package insert.

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