

LOPERAMIDE

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What does it do?

Loperamide is used to treat or prevent diarrhoea.

Before you start

- Tell your health professional if you have other bowel problems or bloody diarrhoea.
- Tell your health professional if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.
- Tell your health professional if you have phenylketonuria (PKU). The *loperamide* orodispersible tablet may contain aspartame (a source of phenylalanine).

How should you take it?

Take *loperamide* as directed. You can take it with or without food.

Capsule and tablet: Take with a glass of water.

Orodispersible tablet: Place on your tongue to dissolve before swallowing.

Liquid: Measure carefully with an oral syringe or measuring spoon.

What if you forget a dose?

Should an occasional dose be missed it need not be taken later.

Can you take other medicines?

Some medicines available without a prescription may react with *loperamide* including:

- laxatives (e.g. Laxsol®)

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products or recreational drugs.

What side effects might you notice?

| Side Effects | Recommended action |
|---------------------|---|
| Dizziness Nausea | Tell your doctor if troublesome |
| Constipation | Stop taking and tell your doctor if troublesome |

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.

Other information:

- Do not take more than the stated dose. For adults this is usually up to a maximum of 8 tablets/capsules in 24 hours.