

Dose adjustments ▶ With oral use Manufacturer advises consider dose reduction in severe impairment.

● DIRECTIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION

FORTIPINE® LA 40 Take with or just after food, or a meal.

- **PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING INFORMATION** Different versions of modified-release preparations may not have the same clinical effect. To avoid confusion between these different formulations of nifedipine, prescribers should specify the brand to be dispensed.

Palliative care For further information on the use of nifedipine in palliative care, see www.medicinescomplete.com/#/content/palliative/nifedipine.

- **MEDICINAL FORMS** There can be variation in the licensing of different medicines containing the same drug. Forms available from special-order manufacturers include: oral suspension, oral drops

Modified-release tablet

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▶ Adanif XL (Advanz Pharma)

Nifedipine 30 mg Adanif XL 30mg tablets | 28 tablet Ⓜ £9.70 DT = £4.70

Nifedipine 60 mg Adanif XL 60mg tablets | 28 tablet Ⓜ £11.20 DT = £7.10

▶ Adipine MR (Chiesi Ltd)

Nifedipine 10 mg Adipine MR 10 tablets | 56 tablet Ⓜ £3.73 DT = £9.23

Nifedipine 20 mg Adipine MR 20 tablets | 56 tablet Ⓜ £5.21 DT = £10.06

▶ Adipine XL (Chiesi Ltd)

Nifedipine 30 mg Adipine XL 30mg tablets | 28 tablet Ⓜ £4.70 DT = £4.70

Nifedipine 60 mg Adipine XL 60mg tablets | 28 tablet Ⓜ £7.10 DT = £7.10

▶ Fortipine LA (Advanz Pharma)

Nifedipine 40 mg Fortipine LA 40 tablets | 30 tablet Ⓜ £14.40 DT = £14.40

▶ Nidef (Morningside Healthcare Ltd)

Nifedipine 30 mg Nidef 30mg modified-release tablets | 28 tablet Ⓜ £6.85 DT = £4.70

Nifedipine 60 mg Nidef 60mg modified-release tablets | 28 tablet Ⓜ £9.03 DT = £7.10

▶ Nifedipress MR (Dexcel-Pharma Ltd)

Nifedipine 10 mg Nifedipress MR 10 tablets | 56 tablet Ⓜ £9.23 DT = £9.23

Nifedipine 20 mg Nifedipress MR 20 tablets | 56 tablet Ⓜ £10.06 DT = £10.06

▶ Tensipine MR (Genus Pharmaceuticals Ltd)

Nifedipine 10 mg Tensipine MR 10 tablets | 56 tablet Ⓜ £4.30 DT = £9.23

Nifedipine 20 mg Tensipine MR 20 tablets | 56 tablet Ⓜ £5.49 DT = £10.06

▶ Valni Retard (Tillomed Laboratories Ltd)

Nifedipine 20 mg Valni 20 Retard tablets | 56 tablet Ⓜ £10.06 DT = £10.06

▶ Valni XL (Zentiva)

Nifedipine 30 mg Valni XL 30mg tablets | 28 tablet Ⓜ £6.85 DT = £4.70

Nifedipine 60 mg Valni XL 60mg tablets | 28 tablet Ⓜ £9.03 DT = £7.10

Modified-release capsule

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▶ Coracten SR (UCB Pharma Ltd)

Nifedipine 10 mg Coracten SR 10mg capsules | 60 capsule Ⓜ £3.90 DT = £3.90

Nifedipine 20 mg Coracten SR 20mg capsules | 60 capsule Ⓜ £5.41 DT = £5.41

▶ Coracten XL (UCB Pharma Ltd)

Nifedipine 30 mg Coracten XL 30mg capsules | 28 capsule Ⓜ £4.89 DT = £4.89

Nifedipine 60 mg Coracten XL 60mg capsules | 28 capsule Ⓜ £7.34 DT = £7.34

Oral drops

▶ Nifedipin-ratiopharm (Imported (Germany))

Nifedipine 20 mg per 1 ml Nifedipin-ratiopharm 20mg/ml oral drops | 30 ml Ⓜ Ⓜ

Capsule

▶ Nifedipine (Non-proprietary)

Nifedipine 5 mg Nifedipine 5mg capsules | 90 capsule Ⓜ £51.95 DT = £51.95

Nifedipine 10 mg Nifedipine 10mg capsules | 90 capsule Ⓜ £65.63 DT = £65.63

Combinations available: **Atenolol with nifedipine**, p. 164

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Verapamil hydrochloride

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● INDICATIONS AND DOSE

Treatment of supraventricular arrhythmias

▶ BY MOUTH USING IMMEDIATE-RELEASE MEDICINES

▶ Adult: 40–120 mg 3 times a day

▶ BY SLOW INTRAVENOUS INJECTION

▶ Adult: 5–10 mg, to be given over 2 minutes, preferably with ECG monitoring

▶ Elderly: 5–10 mg, to be given over 3 minutes, preferably with ECG monitoring

Paroxysmal tachyarrhythmias

▶ BY SLOW INTRAVENOUS INJECTION

▶ Adult: Initially 5–10 mg, followed by 5 mg after 5–10 minutes if required, to be given over 2 minutes, preferably with ECG monitoring

▶ Elderly: Initially 5–10 mg, followed by 5 mg after 5–10 minutes if required, to be given over 3 minutes, preferably with ECG monitoring

Angina

▶ BY MOUTH USING IMMEDIATE-RELEASE MEDICINES

▶ Adult: 80–120 mg 3 times a day

Hypertension

▶ BY MOUTH USING IMMEDIATE-RELEASE MEDICINES

▶ Adult: 240–480 mg daily in 2–3 divided doses

Prophylaxis of cluster headache (initiated under specialist supervision)

▶ BY MOUTH USING IMMEDIATE-RELEASE MEDICINES

▶ Adult: 240–960 mg daily in 3–4 divided doses

HALF SECURON® SR

Hypertension (in patients new to verapamil)

▶ BY MOUTH

▶ Adult: Initially 120 mg daily, increased if necessary up to 480 mg daily, doses above 240 mg daily as 2 divided doses

Hypertension

▶ BY MOUTH

▶ Adult: 240 mg daily, increased if necessary up to 480 mg daily, doses above 240 mg daily as 2 divided doses

Angina

▶ BY MOUTH

▶ Adult: 240 mg twice daily, may sometimes be reduced to once daily

Prophylaxis after myocardial infarction where beta-blockers not appropriate

▶ BY MOUTH

▶ Adult: 360 mg daily in divided doses, started at least 1 week after infarction, given as either 240 mg in the morning and 120 mg in the evening or 120 mg 3 times daily

SECURON® SR

Hypertension (in patients new to verapamil)

▶ BY MOUTH

▶ Adult: Initially 120 mg daily, increased if necessary up to 480 mg daily, doses above 240 mg daily as 2 divided doses

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