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## DOSAN

### Doxazosin Mesylate Tablets 2mg and 4mg



## What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about DOSAN. It does not contain all the information available on this medicine. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist. All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor has weighed the risks of you taking DOSAN against the benefits they expect it will have for you. If you have any concerns about using this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Keep this leaflet. You may want to read it again.

## What DOSAN is used for and how it works

Your DOSAN tablets contain the active ingredient doxazosin mesylate. It belongs to a group of medicines known as alpha adrenoceptor blockers.

DOSAN is used to reduce blood pressure, and works by dilating blood vessels. It can also help to improve prostatic problems in men.

Your doctor may, however, prescribe DOSAN for another reason. Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why DOSAN has been prescribed for you.

There is no evidence that DOSAN is addictive.

DOSAN is available on prescription from your doctor.

## Before you take DOSAN

### *When you must not take it*

**Do not take DOSAN if:**

- **You are allergic to DOSAN or any other ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet**
- **You are allergic to quinazolines.**

Symptoms of an allergic reaction may include shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing, asthma, swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body; rash, itching or hives on the skin.

### *Before you take it*

Tell your doctor if:

- You have had an allergic reaction to any medicine that you have taken previously to treat your current condition
- You have liver problems
- You are pregnant, plan to become pregnant, or are breastfeeding
- You have allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes
- You are undergoing eye surgery because of cataract (cloudiness of the lens).

### *Taking other medicines*

If you are taking any other medicines, including any you get without a prescription from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop, tell your doctor or pharmacist.

Your doctor or pharmacist has more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while taking DOSAN.

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## **How to take DOSAN properly**

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### ***How much to take***

Your doctor will tell you how much DOSAN you need to take each day. It is important that you take DOSAN as directed by your doctor. Do not take more than the recommended dose.

The usual starting dose is 1mg given once daily for one or two weeks. The dose can then be increased in gradual intervals until a satisfactory response is achieved. The usual dose is 2-4mg per day.

Use in children is not recommended, as there is no evidence for this.

Your doctor may tell you to take different doses to these. If so, follow their instructions.

The number of tablets taken depends on the dose regime. However, doses must be taken everyday unless told otherwise.

### ***How long to take it***

DOSAN helps to control your condition but does not cure it. Therefore DOSAN must be taken everyday. Continue taking DOSAN for as long as your doctor tells you to.

### ***If you forget a dose***

If you forget a dose, just take the next dose when it is due. Do not take more than one dose at a time to make up for missed doses.

Taking your medicine at the same time each day may help you to remember to take it regularly. If you have trouble remembering to take your medicine, ask your pharmacist for some hints.

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## **While you are taking DOSAN**

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Tell all doctors, dentists and pharmacists who are treating you that you are taking DOSAN

Tell your doctor or pharmacist that you are taking DOSAN before you start any new medicine.

Tell your doctor if you develop a skin rash or hives, or you become pregnant while taking DOSAN.

If you are going to have a surgery, tell the surgeon or anaesthetist that you are taking DOSAN.

If you are undergoing eye surgery because of cataract (cloudiness of the lens), DOSAN may cause complications during the surgery. Tell your doctor if you are taking or have previously taken DOSAN or another medicine containing doxazosin.

If you are going to have any blood tests, tell your doctor that you are taking DOSAN

Do not take DOSAN to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.

Do not stop taking DOSAN or lower the dose without first checking with your doctor.

Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if their symptoms seem similar to yours.

DOSAN may cause dizziness or tiredness in some people. Be careful when driving, operating machinery or performing jobs that need you to be alert, until you are certain that DOSAN does not affect your performance.

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## Side effects

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Tell your pharmacist or doctor as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are taking DOSAN.

All medicines can have some unwanted effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical treatment if you get some of the side effects.

**Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any of the following and they worry you:**

- Dizziness
- Headaches
- Swelling of the extremities
- Tiredness or weakness
- Sleepiness
- Nausea
- Running or blocked nose
- Blurred vision.

These are the more common side effects of DOSAN.

**Tell your doctor immediately if you experience:**

- Poor urine flow or incontinence
- Prolonged erections
- Skin rash or itchy skin
- Unusual bruising or bleeding nose
- Yellow discolouration of the skin
- Chest pain, fast heart rate
- Heart attack or stroke

**These side effects are rare but serious. You may need urgent medical attention.**

The list of side effects mentioned above is not complete. If you should suffer from any of these side effects or any other undesired effect please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

Do not be alarmed by this list of possible side effects. You may not experience any of them.

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## In case of overdose

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You should only take the number of tablets that you have been told.

**Immediately contact your doctor or the National Poisons Information Centre (0800 POISON or 0800 764 766) or go to the Emergency department at your nearest hospital, if you think that you may have taken too much, or if anyone else has taken any DOSAN by mistake. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.** Take the container of DOSAN with you if you can.

Keep telephone numbers for these places handy.

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## Storage conditions

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Do not take this medicine after the expiry date shown on the label or if the packaging shows signs of tampering.

Keep your DOSAN tablets in the container until it is time to take them.

Store below 25°C and out of reach of children. Avoid exposure to heat, light and moisture.

Do not store DOSAN, or any other medicine, in the bathroom or near a sink.

### ***Disposal***

If your doctor tells you to stop taking DOSAN or if the tablets have passed the expiry date, ask your pharmacist what to do with the remaining medicine.

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## **Product Description**

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### ***What DOSAN tablets look like***

DOSAN 2mg tablets are white, capsule shaped tablets, engraved with "DX/2" on one side and plain on the other.

DOSAN 4mg tablets are white, capsule shaped tablets, engraved with "DX/4" on one side and plain on the other.

### ***Ingredients***

Each DOSAN tablet contains the active ingredient, doxazosin mesylate.

Each DOSAN tablet also contains lactose anhydrous, sodium lauryl sulphate, microcrystalline cellulose, sodium starch glycollate and magnesium stearate.

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## **If you want to know more**

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Should you have any questions regarding this product, please contact your doctor or pharmacist.

### ***Who supplies this medicine***

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