Package leaflet: Information for the patient

Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapon G.L. Pharma 50/12,5/20 mg, filmomhulde tabletten
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Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapon G.L. Pharma 200/50/200 mg, filmomhulde tabletten

Levodopa/carbidopa/entacapone

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.
- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

What is in this leaflet

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1. What Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma is and what it is used for

Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma contains three active substances (levodopa, carbidopa and entacapone) in one film-coated tablet. Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma is used for the treatment of Parkinson's disease.

Parkinson's disease is caused by low levels of a substance called dopamine in the brain. Levodopa increases the amount of dopamine and hence reduces the symptoms of Parkinson's disease. Carbidopa and entacapone improve the antiparkinson effects of levodopa.

2. What you need to know before you take Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma

Do not take Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma if you
- are allergic to levodopa, carbidopa or entacapone, or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6)
- have narrow-angle glaucoma (an eye disorder)
- have a tumour of the adrenal gland
- are taking certain medicines for treating depression (combinations of selective MAO-A and MAO-B inhibitors, or non-selective MAO-inhibitors)
- have ever had neuroleptic malignant syndrome (NMS – this is a rare reaction to medicines used to treat severe mental disorders)
- have ever had non-traumatic rhabdomyolysis (a rare muscle disorder)
- have a severe liver disease.

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma, if you have ever had:

- a heart attack or any other diseases of the heart including cardiac arrythmias, or of the blood vessels
- asthma or any other disease of the lungs
- a liver problem, because your dose may need to be adjusted
- kidney or hormone-related diseases
- stomach ulcers or convulsions
- if you experience prolonged diarrhoea consult your doctor as it may be a sign of inflammation of the colon
- any form of severe mental disorder like psychosis
- chronic wide-angle glaucoma, because your dose may need to be adjusted and the pressure in your eyes may need to be monitored.

Consult your doctor if you are currently taking:

- antipsychotics (medicines used to treat psychosis)
- a medicine which may cause low blood pressure when rising from a chair or bed. You should be aware that Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma may make these reactions worse.

Consult your doctor if during the treatment with Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma you:

- notice that your muscles get very rigid or jerk violently, or if you get tremors, agitation, confusion, fever, rapid pulse, or wide fluctuations in your blood pressure. If any of this happens, **contact your doctor immediately**
- feel depressed, have suicidal thoughts, or notice unusual changes in your behaviour
- find yourself suddenly falling asleep, or if you feel very drowsy. If this happens, you should not drive or use any tools or machines (see also section 'Driving and using machines')
- notice that uncontrolled movements begin or get worse after you started to take Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma. If this happens, your doctor may need to change the dose of your antiparkinson medicine
- experience diarrhoea: monitoring of your weight is recommended in order to avoid potentially excessive weight loss
- experience progressive anorexia, asthenia (weakness, exhaustion) and weight decrease within a relatively short period of time. If this happens, a general medical evaluation including liver function should be considered
- feel the need to stop using Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma, see section 'If you stop taking Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma'.

Tell your doctor if you or your family/carer notices you are developing addiction-like symptoms leading to craving for large doses of Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma and other medicines used to treat Parkinson’s disease.

Tell your doctor if you or your family/carer notices you are developing urges or cravings to behave in ways that are unusual for you or you cannot resist the impulse, drive or temptation to carry out certain activities that could harm yourself or others. These behaviours are called impulse control disorders and can include addictive gambling, excessive eating or spending, an abnormally high sex drive or a preoccupation with an increase in sexual thoughts or feelings.
Your doctor may need to review your treatments.
Your doctor may take some regular laboratory tests during a long term treatment with Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma.

If you must undergo surgery, please tell your doctor that you are using Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma.

Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma is not recommended to be used for treatment of extrapyramidal symptoms (e.g. involuntary movements, shaking, muscle rigidity and muscle contractions) caused by other medicines.

Children and adolescents

Experience with Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma in patients under 18 years is limited. Therefore, the use of Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma in children is not recommended.

Other medicines and Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma
Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription and herbal medicines.

Do not take Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma if you are taking certain medicines for treating depression (combinations of selective MAO-A and MAO-B inhibitors, or non-selective MAO inhibitors).

Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma may increase the effects and side effects of certain medicines. These include:
- medicines used to treat depression such as moclobemide, amitryptiline, desipramine, maprotiline, venlafaxine and paroxetine
- rimiterole and isoprenaline, used to treat respiratory diseases
- adrenaline, used for severe allergic reactions
- noradrenaline, dopamine and dobutamine, used to treat heart diseases and low blood pressure
- alpha-methyldopa, used to treat high blood pressure
- apomorphine, which is used to treat Parkinson's disease.

The effects of Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma may be weakened by certain medicines. These include:
- dopamine antagonists used to treat mental disorders, nausea and vomiting
- phenytoin, used to prevent convulsions
- papaverine used to relax the muscles.

Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma may make it harder for you to digest iron. Therefore, do not take Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma and iron supplements at the same time. After taking one of them, wait at least 2 to 3 hours before taking the other.

Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma with food and drink

Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma may be taken with or without food. For some patients, Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma may not be well absorbed if it is taken with, or shortly after eating protein-rich food (such as meats, fish, dairy products, seeds and nuts). Consult your doctor if you think this applies to you.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding and fertility
If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine.

You should not breast-feed during treatment with Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma.

Driving and using machines

Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma may lower your blood pressure, which may make you feel light- headed or dizzy. Therefore, be particularly careful when you drive or when you use any tools or machines.

If you feel very drowsy, or if you sometimes find yourself suddenly falling asleep, wait until you feel fully awake again before driving or doing anything else that requires you to be alert.
Otherwise, you may put yourself and others at risk of serious injury or death.

Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma contains Lactose.

Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma contains milk sugar (lactose). If you have been told by your doctor that you have intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicinal product.

This medicine contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per film-coated tablet, that is to say essentially 'sodium-free'.

3. How to take Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma

Always take this medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

For adults and elderly:
- Your doctor will tell you exactly how many tablets of Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma to take each day.
- The tablets are not intended to be split or broken into smaller pieces.
- You should take only one tablet each time.
- Depending on how you respond to treatment, your doctor may suggest a higher or lower dose.
- If you are taking Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma 50 mg/12.5 mg/200 mg, 75 mg/18.75 mg/200 mg, 100 mg/25 mg/200 mg, 125 mg/31.25 mg/200 mg or 150 mg/37.5 mg/200 mg tablets, do not take more than 10 tablets per day.
- If you are taking Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma 175mg/43.75mg/200mg tablets, do not take more than 8 tablets per day.
- If you are taking Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma 200 mg/50 mg/200mg tablets, do not take more than 7 tablets per day.
- Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you think the effect of Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma is too strong or too weak, or if you experience possible side effects.

If you take use more Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma than you should

If you have accidentally taken more Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma tablets than you should, talk to your doctor or pharmacist immediately. In case of an overdose you may feel confused or agitated, your heart rate may be slower or faster than normal or the colour of your skin, tongue, eyes or urine may change.

If you forget to take Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma
Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten tablet.

If it is more than 1 hour until your next dose:
Take one tablet as soon as you remember, and the next tablet at the normal time.

If it is less than 1 hour until your next dose:
Take a tablet as soon as you remember, wait 1 hour, then take another tablet. After that carry on as normal.

Always leave at least an hour between Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma tablets, to avoid possible side effects.

If you stop taking using Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma

Do not stop taking Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma unless your doctor tells you to. In such a case your doctor may need to adjust your other antiparkinson medicines, especially levodopa, to give sufficient control of your symptoms. If you suddenly stop taking Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma and other antiparkinsonian medicines it may result in unwanted side effects.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. If you experience any of these side effects, talk to your doctor as soon as possible. Many of the side effects can be relieved by adjusting the dose.

If you during the treatment with Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma experience the following symptoms, **contact your doctor immediately**:
- Your muscles get very rigid or jerk violently, you get tremors, agitation, confusion, fever, rapid pulse, or wide fluctuations in your blood pressure. These can be symptoms of neuroleptic malignant syndrome (NMS, a rare severe reaction to medicines used to treat disorders of the central nervous system) or rhabdomyolysis (a rare severe muscle disorder).
- Allergic reaction, the signs may include hives (nettle rash), itching, rash, swelling of your face, lips, tongue or throat. This may cause difficulties in breathing or swallowing.

Very common (may affect more than 1 in 10 people)
- uncontrolled movements (dyskinesias)
- feeling sick (nausea)
- harmless reddish-brown discouloration of urine
- muscle pain
- diarrhoea

Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)
- light-headedness or fainting due to low blood pressure, high blood pressure
- worsening of Parkinson`s symptoms, dizziness, drowsiness
- vomiting, abdominal pain and discomfort, heartburn, dry mouth, constipation
- inability to sleep, hallucinations, confusion, abnormal dreams (including nightmares), tiredness
- mental changes – including problems with memory, anxiety and depression (possibly with thoughts of suicide)
- heart or artery disease events (e.g. chest pain), irregular heart rate or rhythm
- more frequent falling
- shortness of breath
- increased sweating, rashes
- muscle cramps, swelling of legs
- blurred vision
- anaemia
- decreased appetite, decreased weight
- headache, joint pain
- urinary tract infection

Uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)
- heart attack
- bleeding in the gut
- changes in the blood cell count which may result in bleeding, abnormal liver function tests
- convulsions
- feeling agitated

- psychotic symptoms
- colitis (inflammation of the colon)
- discolourations other than urine (e.g. skin, nail, hair, sweat)
- swallowing difficulties
- inability to urinate

Not known (cannot be estimated from the available data)
Craving for large doses of Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma in excess of that required to control motor
symptoms, known as dopamine dysregulation syndrome. Some patients experience severe abnormal involuntary movements (dyskinesias), mood swings or other side effects after taking large doses of Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma.

The following side effects have also been reported:
- hepatitis (inflammation of the liver)
- itching

You may experience the following side effects:
Inability to resist the impulse to perform an action that could be harmful, which may include:
strong impulse to gamble excessively despite serious or personal family consequences
altered or increased sexual interest and behaviour of significant concern to you or to others, for example, an increased sexual drive
uncontrollable excessive shopping or spending
binge eating (eating large amounts of food in a short time period) or compulsive eating (eating more food than normal and more than is needed to satisfy your hunger).

Tell your doctor if you experience any of these behaviours; they will discuss ways of managing or reducing the symptoms.

Reporting of side effects
If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the national reporting system listed in Appendix V.* By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the bottle and the carton after EXP.

The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

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Shelf life after first opening the container: 3 months

Store below 25°C.

Store in the original packaging and keep the bottle tightly closed in order to protect from moisture.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help to protect the environment.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma contains

- The active substances are levodopa, carbidopa and entacapone.
- Each film-coated tablet contains 50 mg of levodopa, 12.5 mg of carbidopa anhydrous (as 13.5mg Carbidopa monohydrate) and 200 mg of entacapone.
- Each film-coated tablet contains 75 mg of levodopa, 18.75 mg of carbidopa anhydrous (as 20.24 mg Carbidopa monohydrate) and 200 mg of entacapone.
- Each film-coated tablet contains 100 mg of levodopa, 25 mg of carbidopa anhydrous (as 27 mg Carbidopa monohydrate) and 200 mg of entacapone.
- Each film-coated tablet contains 125 mg of levodopa, 31.25 mg of carbidopa anhydrous (as 33.74 mg Carbidopa monohydrate) and 200 mg of entacapone.
- Each film-coated tablet contains 150 mg of levodopa, 37.5 mg of carbidopa anhydrous (as 40.48 mg Carbidopa monohydrate) and 200 mg of entacapone.
- Each film-coated tablet contains 175 mg of levodopa, 43.75 mg of carbidopa anhydrous (as 47.23 mg Carbidopa monohydrate) and 200 mg of entacapone.
- Each film-coated tablet contains 200 mg of levodopa, 50 mg of carbidopa anhydrous (as 54 mg Carbidopa monohydrate) and 200 mg of entacapone.
- The other ingredients in the tablet core are croscarmellose sodium E 468, cellulose microcrystalline E 460, poloxamer, hydroxypropyl cellulose E 463, lactose monohydrate, magnesium stearate E470b.

- The ingredients in the film-coating are

50mg/12.5mg/200mg; 100mg/25mg/200mg; 150mg/37.5mg/200mg:

Hypromellose
Titanium Dioxide E 171
Glycerol E 422
Red Iron Oxide E172
Yellow Iron Oxide E172
Magnesium Stearate E 470b
Polysorbate E433
Hydroxypropyl cellulose E 463

75mg/18.75mg/200mg; 125mg/31.25mg/200mg; 175mg/43.75mg/200mg:

Hypromellose
Titanium Dioxide E 171
Glycerol E 422
Red Iron Oxide E172
Magnesium Stearate E 470b
Polysorbate E433
Hydroxypropyl cellulose E 463

200mg/50mg/200mg

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Titanium Dioxide E 171
Glycerol E 422
Red Iron Oxide E172

Magnesium Stearate E 470b
Polysorbate E433
Hydroxypropyl cellulose E 463

What Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma looks like and contents of the pack

Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma 50 mg/12.5 mg/200 mg: brownish red coloured, round shaped, biconvex, film-coated tablets debossed `50' on one side and plain on the other side.]

Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma 75 mg/18.75 mg/200mg: light brownish red coloured, oval shaped, biconvex, film coated tablets debossed "75" on one side and plain on the other side.]

Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma 100 mg/25 mg/200 mg: brownish red coloured, oval, shaped, biconvex, film-coated tablets debossed `100' on one side and plain on the other side.]

Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma 125 mg/31.25 mg/200 mg: light brownish red coloured, oval shaped, biconvex, film-coated tablets debossed `125' on one side and plain on the other side.]

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Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma 200 mg/50 mg/200 mg: dark brownish red coloured, oval shaped, biconvex, film-coated tablets debossed `200' on one side and plain on the other side.]

Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapone G.L. Pharma comes in different pack sizes as HDPE bottle with an Aluminium Induction Seal –Cap and Silica Gel Canister (as a loose component) in the HDPE bottle and Blister (Aluminium-Aluminium) containing 100 or 130 tablets.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

Houder van de vergunning voor het in de handel brengen en fabrikant:

G.L. Pharma GmbH
Schlossplatz 1
8502 Lannach
Oostenrijk

In het register ingeschreven onder:
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RVG 131724 Levodopa/Carbidopa/Entacapon G.L. Pharma 200/50/200 mg, filmomhulde tabletten

Dit medicijn is geregistreerd in lidstaten van de Europese Economische Ruimte en in het Verenigd Koninkrijk (Noord-Ierland) onder de volgende namen:

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