

CELOL

Celiprolol hydrochloride 200 mg tablets

What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about CELOL. 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 using CELOL 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 CELOL is used for and how it works

Your CELOL tablets contain the active ingredient Celiprolol hydrochloride. It belongs to a group of medicines known as beta-blockers.

CELOL is used to treat high blood pressure (hypertension) and effort-induced angina pectoris (chest pain). CELOL works by decreasing the hearts need for blood and oxygen and therefore reduces the amount of work the heart has to do. It also widens the blood vessels in the body, causing blood pressure to fall. It also helps the heart beat more regularly.

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

There is no evidence that CELOL is addictive.

CELOL is available on prescription from your doctor.

Before you take CELOL

When you must not take it

Do not take CELOL if:

- You are allergic to CELOL or any other ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet
- You are suffering from acute episode of asthma
- You have a heart condition causing you to have a very low (i.e. less than 40-50 beats per minute), or irregular heart rate
- You have uncontrolled heart failure
- You have sick sinus syndrome (symptoms include an irregular heart beat and feeling faint or light-headed)
- You have a tumour of the adrenal gland (phaeochromocytoma)
- You are taking the medicine theophylline (may be used to treat asthma)
- You have low blood pressure (hypotension)
- You suffer from very poor circulation in the hands and feet
- You have metabolic acidosis (abnormal levels of acid in your blood)
- You have severe kidney problems (creatinine clearance less than 15 mL per minute)
- You have a history of wheezing, asthma, bronchitis, emphysema or other breathing problems.

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 asthma
- You have any heart problems, kidney or liver problems
- You suffer from a type of chest pain called Prinzmetal's angina
- You are pregnant, plan to become pregnant, or are breastfeeding
- You have allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes.
- You have an adrenal gland tumour
- You have diabetes
- You suffer from psoriasis.

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.

Medicines that may interfere with CELOL include:

- Clonidine
- Monoamine oxidase inhibitors (used in the treatment of depression)
- Anti-arrhythmic agents (e.g. disopyramide, quinidine, amiodarone)
- Calcium antagonists (e.g. verapamil, diltiazem, bepridil)
- Insulin and oral antidiabetic drugs
- Sympathomimetic agents (e.g. adrenaline)
- Anaesthetic drugs
- Dihydropyridine calcium antagonists (e.g. nifedipine)
- Prostaglandin synthetase inhibiting drugs (eg. piroxicam, indomethacin, ibuprofen)
- Tricyclic antidepressants, barbiturates and phenothiazines
- Mefloquine
- Digitalis.

These medicines may be affected by CELOL or may affect how well CELOL works. You may need different amounts of your medicines or you may need to take different medicines.

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

Also tell your doctor if you drink grapefruit or orange juice.

How to take CELOL properly

How much to take

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

The usual daily dose of CELOL is a single oral dose of 200 mg daily. This may be increased to 400 mg once daily after a 2 to 4 week interval.

The same dosage applies to elderly patients however, the elderly require closer monitoring, especially those with kidney or liver problems. Your doctor may reduce the dose if you have kidney or liver failure.

CELOL is not recommended for use in children.

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

CELOL tablet should be taken once daily, preferably in the morning. Take tablet with a glass of water, preferably at least 30 minutes prior to a meal or 2 hours after a meal.

In some people, grapefruit juice or orange juice may affect how well CELOL works. It is best to avoid taking these juices with CELOL.

How long to take it

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

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.

While you are taking CELOL

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

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

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

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

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

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

Do not stop taking CELOL 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.

CELOL 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 CELOL does not affect your performance.

Side effects

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

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:

- Decreased libido

- Gastrointestinal problems (diarrhoea, vomiting, nausea, stomach cramps)
- Slow or abnormal heart beat
- Male impotence
- Headaches and hot flushes
- Dizziness
- Tiredness
- Disturbed sleep

These are the more common side effects of CELOL.

The more rare side effects of CELOL include:

- Unusual weakness
- Nightmares, hallucinations
- Numb and tingling hands and feet
- Dry eyes.

If any of the following happen, stop taking CELOL and tell your doctor immediately, or go to accident and emergency at your nearest hospital:

- Swelling of the face, lips, mouth or throat which may cause difficulty in swallowing or breathing
- Hives or skin rashes
- Any change in your eyesight
- Fainting
- Yellowing of the skin and eyes, also called jaundice
- Wheezing or coughing
- Depression
- Palpitations (fast heart beat).

These are serious side effects. If you have them, you may have had a serious allergic reaction to CELOL. You may need urgent medical attention or hospitalisation. All of the side effects are extremely rare.

The list of side effects mentioned above is not complete. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that is making you feel unwell.

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

In case of overdose

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 CELOL by mistake. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention. Take the container of CELOL with you if you can.

Keep telephone numbers for these places handy.

Storage conditions

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

Keep your CELOL tablets in their container until it is time to take them.

Store below 30°C and out of the light. Keep out of reach of children. Avoid exposure to heat and moisture.

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

Disposal

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

Product Description

What CELOL tablets look like

CELOL 200 mg tablets are yellow, round, biconvex, 9.5 mm diameter and film-coated, with "CL 200" marked on one side and "G" on the other.

Ingredients

Each tablet contains the active ingredient, Celiprolol hydrochloride.

Each tablet also contains mannitol, microcrystalline cellulose, croscarmellose sodium, magnesium stearate, Opadry Clear YS-1-7006 and Opadry Yellow 32K52903 (contains the colours titanium dioxide (E171), quinoline yellow aluminium lake (E104) and iron oxide yellow (E172)).

Lactose is a component of the Opadry Yellow film coat.

If you want to know more

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

Who supplies this medicine

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