

Palmetto State Pharmaceuticals

Patient Drug Education

CHLORZOXAZONE 500 MG TABLET

USES:

This medication is used to treat pain and discomfort from muscle injuries such as strains, sprains, and spasms. It provides temporary relief and is usually used along with rest, physical therapy, and other treatments (e.g., nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medication). This medication relaxes tight muscles and relieves pain, cramping, and stiffness so you can move around more and get back to doing your daily activities. Chlorzoxazone belongs to a class of drugs called muscle relaxants. It is thought to work on the nerves to relieve muscle pain. It may also relieve pain by calming your nervous system.

HOW TO TAKE THIS MEDICATION:

HOW TO USE: Take this medication by mouth, usually 3 or 4 times daily or as directed by your doctor. The dosage is based on your medical condition and response to therapy. Do not increase your dose, take it more often, or take it for longer than prescribed. This may increase your risk for side effects. Inform your doctor if your condition does not improve or if it worsens.

SIDE EFFECTS:

Drowsiness, dizziness, tiredness, upset stomach, or headache may occur. If any of these effects persist or worsen, tell your doctor or pharmacist promptly. This medication may temporarily cause your urine to turn orange or reddish-purple. This effect is harmless and will go away when the medication is stopped. Remember that your doctor has prescribed this medication because he or she has judged that the benefit to you is greater than the risk of side effects. Many people using this medication do not have serious side effects. Tell your doctor immediately if any of these rare but very serious side effects occur: black/bloody stools, vomit that looks like coffee grounds, easy bruising/bleeding, signs of infection (e.g., fever, chills, persistent sore throat). This medication may rarely cause very serious (possibly fatal) liver disease. Stop taking this medication and seek immediate medical attention if any of these side effects occur: loss of appetite, persistent/severe tiredness, persistent nausea/vomiting, stomach/abdominal pain, yellowing eyes/skin, dark urine. A very serious allergic reaction to this drug is rare. However, seek immediate medical attention if you notice any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, including: rash, itching, swelling, severe dizziness, trouble breathing. If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

PRECAUTIONS:

Before taking chlorzoxazone, tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are allergic to it; or if you have any other allergies. This medication should not be used if you have certain medical conditions. Before using this medicine, consult your doctor or pharmacist if you have: liver disease. This drug may make you dizzy or drowsy. Use caution while driving, using machinery, or doing any activity that requires alertness. Limit alcoholic beverages. During pregnancy, this medication should be used only when clearly needed. Discuss the risks and benefits with your doctor. It is not known whether this drug passes into breast milk. Consult your doctor before breast-feeding.

DRUG INTERACTIONS:

Your doctor or pharmacist may already be aware of any possible drug interactions and may be monitoring you for them. Do not start, stop, or change the dosage of any medicine before checking with your doctor or pharmacist first. Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist of all prescription and nonprescription/herbal products you may use. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you also take drugs that cause drowsiness such as: certain antihistamines (e.g., diphenhydramine), anti-seizure drugs (e.g., carbamazepine), medicine for sleep or anxiety (e.g., alprazolam, diazepam, zolpidem), other muscle relaxants, narcotic pain relievers (e.g., codeine), psychiatric medicines (e.g., chlorpromazine, risperidone, amitriptyline, trazodone). Check the labels on all your medicines (e.g., cough-and-cold products) because they may contain drowsiness-causing ingredients. Ask your pharmacist about using those products safely.

NOTES:

Do not share this medication with others. If you are taking this medication for a long time, laboratory and/or medical tests (e.g., liver function tests) should be performed periodically to check for side effects. Consult your doctor for more details.

MISSED DOSE:

If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If it is near the time of the next dose, skip the missed dose and resume your usual dosing schedule. Do not double the dose to catch up.

STORAGE:

Store at room temperature between 59-86 degrees F (15-30 degrees C) away from light and moisture. Do not store in the bathroom. Keep all medicines away from children and pets.