

Olmesartan

INDICATIONS:

Hypertension

SAFETY ALERT:

1. Adverse Drug Reactions:

May cause sprue like enteropathy. Dizziness, headache, abdominal pain, dyspepsia, diarrhoea, gastroenteritis, nausea, bronchitis, pharyngitis, rhinitis, arthritis, back pain, skeletal pain, fatigue, flu-like symptoms, angioedema, peripheral edema, haematuria, UTI, hyperkalemia, hypertriglyceridemia, hyperuricaemia, hyperglycaemia, elevated liver enzymes. Acute renal failure

2. Drug interactions:

Increased risk of hyperkalaemia with ACE inhibitors, K sparing diuretics, K salts or K supplements and drugs that may increase serum K. May potentiate BP lowering effects with other antihypertensives. May decrease glomerular with NSAIDs which can cause acute renal failure. May increase serum concentrations and toxicity of lithium

3. Contraindications:

Biliary obstruction, pregnancy

4. Precautions:

Patients with aortic or mitral valve stenosis, renal artery stenosis; at risk for hypotension (e.g. patients with volume or salt depletion); history of angioedema; at risk for hyperkalemia. Severe renal & hepatic impairment. Lactation. Monitoring parameters – monitor BP, serum creatinine and K levels periodically