

INFORMATION FOR THE PATIENT

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APO-KETOTIFEN

Ketotifen Fumarate Syrup

PEDIATRIC ASTHMA PROPHYLACTIC AND ANTI-ALLERGIC AGENT

APO—KETOTIFEN (ketotifen fumarate) is a new type of asthma medication which, when taken every day by mouth, may reduce the frequency, severity and duration of asthma symptoms or attacks in children.

Your physician will have prescribed APO—KETOTIFEN if your child's asthma is not well controlled, or to allow a reduction in your child's daily use of other anti—asthma medications.

APO—KETOTIFEN is taken orally twice a day. APO—KETOTIFEN does not provide relief for an acute attack, so that inhaled bronchodilator medication will still be required for rapid relief of symptoms when a severe attack occurs.

REMEMBER:

- In case of deterioration, you should contact your doctor immediately.
- This medication has been prescribed for your child's current medical problem only. It must not be given to other people or used for other problems unless otherwise directed by your doctor.
- Like all medicines, APO—KETOTIFEN should be kept out of reach of small children.
- Do not discontinue using this medicine without first consulting with your doctor, and if you would like more information about this medicine, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

BEFORE USING THIS MEDICINE:

In order to decide on the best treatment, your doctor should be told if your child:

- has had any unusual or allergic reaction to APO—KETOTIFEN or any of the product constituents
- is taking any oral anti—diabetic medication

APO—KETOTIFEN should not be used by anyone who is pregnant or breast—feeding a baby.

PROPER USE OF THIS MEDICINE:

Since APO—KETOTIFEN interferes gradually with the chain of events leading to an asthma attack, at least 10 weeks of continuous use may be required before you and your physician can establish that it is effectively reducing your child's asthma symptoms.

Since APO—KETOTIFEN works continuously to prevent asthma attacks, you should find that in time your child's symptoms become less severe and inhaled bronchodilators are needed less frequently. As your child's asthma improves, it is necessary to keep taking APO—KETOTIFEN, and to consult your physician if and when you feel other asthma medications can be reduced.

SIDE EFFECTS OF THIS MEDICINE:

Along with its beneficial effect, APO—KETOTIFEN may occasionally cause some unwanted effects. Side effects which may occur usually do not require medical attention; these include sedation, weight gain, rash, dryness of the mouth, dizziness, nausea and headaches. If any side effect becomes bothersome, consult with your physician.

The drowsiness which occurs in some patients at the start of treatment with APO—KETOTIFEN is usually temporary and disappears as your child adjusts to the medication. The drowsiness may be worse if APO—KETOTIFEN is taken with sedatives, hypnotics, antihistamines or alcohol. If drowsiness occurs, children may have trouble with activities requiring mental alertness, and older children should not drive a car or operate dangerous machinery.

STORAGE:

Store at room temperature (15°—30°C).

WHO MANUFACTURES APO-KETOTIFEN

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REMINDERS:

This medicine has been prescribed only for you. Do not give it to anybody else.

If you require any further information or advice please consult your doctor or pharmacist.

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