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Company: SANDOZ CANADA INCORPORATED

DIN	DIN name	Active Ingredient(s)	Strength	Dosage Form	Route of Administration
02169991	LOXAPAC IM	LOXAPINE (LOXAPINE HYDROCHLORIDE)	50 MG / ML	LIQUID	INTRAMUSCULAR

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Consumer Information

This information was provided by the drug's manufacturer when this drug product was approved for sale in Canada. It is designed for consumers and care givers. It is a summary of information about the drug and will not tell you everything about the drug. Contact your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions about the drug.

What the medication is used for

What it does

When it should not be used

What the medicinal ingredient is

What the non-medicinal ingredients are

What dosage form it comes in

Warnings and precautions

Serious Warnings and Precautions

Studies with various medicines of the group to which LOXAPAC IM belongs, when used in the elderly patients with dementia, have been associated with an increased rate of death. LOXAPAC IM is not indicated in elderly patients with dementia.

BEFORE you use LOXAPAC IM talk to your doctor or pharmacist if:

- You have heart disease, glaucoma, difficulty passing urine or prostatic hypertrophy.
- You have risk factors for developing blood clots such as: a family history of blood clots, age over 65, smoking, obesity, recent major surgery (such as hip or knee replacement), immobility due to air travel or other reason, or take oral contraceptives ("The Pill").
- You are addicted to alcohol. You should not take LOXAPAC IM if you are under the effects of alcohol.
- You are pregnant. LOXAPAC IM should not be used during pregnancy unless your doctor considers the benefits to you markedly outweigh the potential risks to the fetus.
- You are breast feeding.
- You are taking barbiturates, painkillers, narcotics or, antihistamines or other drugs that make you drowsy.
- You have or ever had a blackout or seizure.
- You are below the age of 18.
- You have mental retardation.
- You have previously been diagnosed with breast cancer
- You have any allergies to this drug or its ingredients.

LOXAPAC IM may impair the mental and/or physical abilities required for the performance of potentially hazardous tasks such as driving a car or operating machinery, especially during the first few days of therapy. You should be cautious when performing potentially hazardous tasks.

Effects on Newborns:

In some cases, babies born to a mother taking LOXAPAC IM during pregnancy have

experienced symptoms that are severe and require the newborn to be hospitalized. Sometimes, the symptoms may resolve on their own. Be prepared to seek immediate emergency medical attention for your newborn if they have difficulty breathing, are overly sleepy, have muscle stiffness, or floppy muscles (like a rag doll), are shaking, or are having difficulty feeding.

People who take LOXAPAC IM are cautioned:

- Against exposure to extreme heat
- That drugs such as LOXAPAC IM increase the toxicity of certain types of insecticides ("organophosphorous" insecticides) including insecticides for agriculture (farming), treating animals (flea and tick control) and for treating pests around the house and garden. Be cautious if you must use these products while taking LOXAPAC IM.

Interactions with this medication

Proper use of this medication

Side effects and what to do about them

Like other medications, LOXAPAC IM may cause some side effects. These side effects may be minor and temporary. However, some may be serious and need medical attention.

Side effects may include: sweating, urinary retention or incontinence, severe constipation, dizziness, fainting, difficulty walking, drowsiness, weakness, numbness, confusion, dry mouth, nasal congestion, nausea and vomiting, headache, difficulty sleeping, slurred speech, seizures, menstrual changes, change in libido, fluid retention, swelling of the breasts and milk production in both men and women, weight changes and blurred vision, flaky skin, insomnia, and unusual bruising or bleeding.

Skin rash, itching, swelling or puffiness of the face can occur.

If any of these affects you severely, tell your doctor.

Your doctor should check your body weight before starting LOXAPAC IM and continue to monitor it for as long as you are being treated.

Your doctor should take blood tests before starting LOXAPAC IM. They will monitor blood sugar, and the number of infection fighting white blood cells. Your doctor should continue to monitor your blood for as long as you are being treated.

If you have high levels of prolactin (measured with a blood test) and a condition called hypogonadism you may be at increased risk of breaking a bone due to osteoporosis. This

occurs in both men and women.

Serious side effects, how often they happen and what to do about them

Symptom / effect	Talk with your doctor or pharmacist <i>only if severe</i>	Talk with your doctor or pharmacist <i>in all cases</i>	Stop taking drug and seek immediate emergency medical attention
Frequency Unknown			
Allergic Reaction: rash, hives, swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat, difficulty swallowing or breathing			✓
Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome: any group of symptoms which may include high fever, sweating, stiff muscles, fast heartbeat, fast breathing and feeling confused, drowsy or agitated			✓
Extrapyramidal Symptoms: muscle stiffness, body spasms, upward eye rolling, exaggeration of reflexes, drooling, difficulty moving how and when you want.			✓
Fast or irregular heartbeat		✓	
Seizures or fits			✓
Long-lasting (greater than 4 hours in duration) and painful erection of penis			✓
Blood clots: swelling, pain and redness in an arm or leg that can be warm to touch. You may develop sudden chest pain, difficulty breathing and heart palpitations		✓	
Tardive Dyskinesia: uncontrollable movements or twitches of the body, face, eyes or tongue, stretching the neck and body		✓	
Fast or irregular heartbeat		✓	

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Low Blood Pressure: feeling of Lightheadedness or fainting especially when getting up from a lying or sitting position		✓	
High Blood Pressure: headaches, vision disorders, nausea and vomiting		✓	
Decreased sweating		✓	
Jaundice: yellow colour to skin and eyes, dark urine		✓	
Respiratory Infection: fever, flu-like symptoms, coughing, difficult or fast breathing		✓	
New or worsening constipation		✓	
Akathisia: a feeling of restlessness, inability to remain motionless		✓	
Vision Changes: blurred vision, glaucoma or other eye disorder		✓	
Increased Blood Sugar: frequent urination, thirst and hunger	✓		
Rare			
Decreased White Blood Cells: Infections, fatigue, fever, aches, pains, and flu-like symptoms			✓

This is not a complete list of side effects. For any unexpected effects while taking LOXAPAC IM, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

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