



General Authority For Health Services for the Emirate of Abu Dhabi

**Al-Rahba Hospital
Department of Pharmacy**

Generic Name: Amitriptyline



Why is this medication used?

It is used to relief depression and to improve the mood. It can be used to treat certain types of pain and can be used to treat other conditions.



How should this medication be used?

- Your doctor will tell you much of this medicine to take and how often. Don't take more medication or take it more often than your doctor tells you to.
- Do not discontinue the medication suddenly without consulting with your doctor first. In the event that your physician decides to discontinue your therapy with this medication the dose must be decreased gradually over time.
- This medication may be taken on an empty or full stomach.



What special precautions should I follow?

- Make sure your doctor knows if you are pregnant or breastfeeding, or if you have diabetes, a history of heart disease, glaucoma, epilepsy, or stomach or intestinal disease.
- Don't stop using this medication suddenly without asking your doctor.
- It may make you dizzy or drowsy. Avoid driving, using machine.
- It may make your skin more sensitive to sunlight, use sun screen.
- Tell your doctor if you are using any medications.
- You should Store this medication at room temperature, away from heat, moisture, and direct light.
Keep all medications away from children,



What should I do if I forget to take a dose?

- If you miss a dose or forget to take your medication, take it as soon as you can. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to take the medication and skip the missed dose.
- If you take only one dose at bedtime and you miss the dose, don't take the medication in the morning. Wait until the next night and skip the missed dose.
- Don't take extra medication to make up for the missed dose.



What side effects can this medication cause?

Notify your physician if you have any of the following symptoms:

Changes in vision, constipation or diarrhea, drowsiness or dizziness, dry mouth, nausea, weight changes, impotence, sensitivity to sunlight, trouble going to bathroom.

Rarely may you experience any of the following side effects but you should contact your doctor immediately if you do: confusion, hallucination, diarrhea, fever, sweating, fainting, fast heart beat, muscle stiffness and skin rashes or hives.