Tamoxen
(Tamoxifen B.P)

Presentation :
Tamoxen tablet 10mg : Each film-coated tablet contains Tamoxifen BP 10mg.
Tamoxen tablet 20mg : Each film-coated tablet contains Tamoxifen BP 20mg.

Indications :
Tamoxifen is used in treatment of
1. Breast cancer
a. As an adjuvant immediately after surgery in patient with early disease
b. For advanced breast cancer
2. Infertility.

Dosage and administration :
In breast cancer 20mg daily; anovulatory infertility, 20mg daily on days 2, 3, 4 and 5 of cycle; if necessary the dose may be increased to 40mg then 80mg for subsequent courses; if cycles irregular, start initial course on any day, with subsequent course starting 45 days later or on day 2 of cycle if menstruation occurs.

Precautions :
Occasional cystic ovarian swellings in premenopausal women, occasional hypercalcemia if bony metastases; breast-feeding; endometrial changes; porphyria; increased risk of thromboembolic events when used with cytotoxics.

Side-effects :
Hot flushes, vaginal bleeding and vaginal discharge, suppression of menstruation in some premenopausal women, pruritus vulvae, gastro-intestinal disturbances, headache, light-headedness, tumour flare, decreased platelet counts; occasionally oedema, alopecia, rashes, uterine fibroids; also visual disturbances; leucopenia, rarely neutropenia; hypertriglyceridaemia; thromboembolic events; liver enzyme changes; rarely interstitial pnemonitis, hypersensitive reactions including angioedema, Steven-Johnson syndrome, bullous pemphigoid etc are reported.

Contraindications :
Tamoxifen is contraindicated in Pregnancy.

Drug interactions :
Tamoxifen has been reported to considerably increased the effect of warfarin, with possibly fatal result. It causes hepatotoxicities when given concurrently with allopurinol.

In pregnancy and lactation :
Tamoxifen should not be used in pregnancy and lactation.

Commercial pack :
Tamoxen tablet 10mg : Each box contains 3x10' tablets in blister pack.
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