

**'TENORMIN', 'TENORMIN' LS, 'TENORMIN' 25
PRESCRIBING NOTES**

Consult data sheet before prescribing.

Use Hypertension.

Presentation Tablets for oral administration containing atenolol 100mg ('Tenormin'), 50mg ('Tenormin' LS) or 25mg ('Tenormin' 25).

Dosage and administration 'Tenormin' - one daily (some patients may respond adequately to 'Tenormin' low strength (LS)); 'Tenormin' LS - one daily; 'Tenormin' 25 - see renal failure. **Children:** 'Tenormin', 'Tenormin' LS and 'Tenormin' 25 are not recommended for use in children. **Elderly Patients:** Dosage requirements may be lower in elderly patients.

Renal Failure: For patients with a creatinine clearance of 15-35ml/min/1.73m² the oral dose should be 50mg daily. Patients with a creatinine clearance of <15ml/min/1.73m² should be given one 'Tenormin' 25 daily or one 'Tenormin' LS on alternate days.

Contraindications 2nd or 3rd degree heart block, cardiogenic shock.

Precautions Poor cardiac reserve - avoid in overt heart failure. Bradycardia, renal failure (see above), anaesthesia, pregnancy. Caution in patients with reversible obstructive airways disease - do not use unless there are compelling clinical reasons to do so. Atenolol modifies the tachycardia of hypoglycaemia. Co-administration with verapamil or class 1 antidysrhythmic agents. Withdrawal of clonidine. Withdrawal of beta-blocking drugs should be gradual in patients with ischaemic heart disease.

Side effects Coldness of extremities, bradycardia and muscular fatigue may occur. Sleep disturbance rarely seen. Rashes and dry eyes have been reported with beta-blockers - consider discontinuance if they occur.

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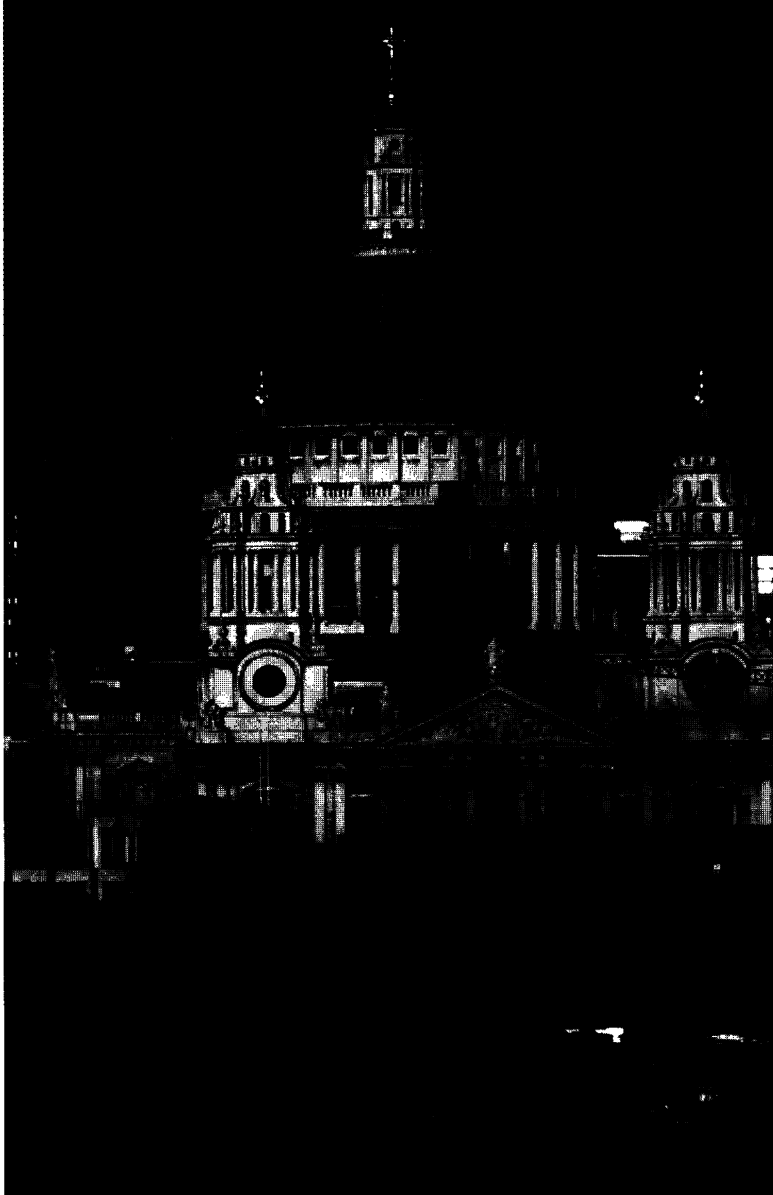


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function. In pregnancy the potential benefits should outweigh the possibility of unknown risks before the use of Zovirax is considered. **Side- and adverse effects**: Skin rashes have been reported in a few patients receiving Zovirax Tablets; the rashes have resolved on withdrawal of the drug. In trials, the incidence of gastrointestinal events has not been found to differ from placebo. **Basic NHS cost** 800mg: Shingles Treatment Pack, 35 tablets £113.00 (PL3/0243). **References** 1. Juel-Jensen, B.E. (1988), in *Oxford Textbook of Medicine*, second edition, volume 1 (ed. by Weatherall, D.J., Ledingham, J.G.G., and Warrell, D.A.), Oxford Medical Publications, 5.67.

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