

## What is this medicine for?

Liothyronine is a synthetic thyroid hormone which is similar to the thyroid hormone naturally found in the body.

It can be used to treat conditions associated with low thyroid hormone levels in the body.

It can also be used to improve the effectiveness of anti-depressants in treating depression (low mood).

This medication may also be used for other conditions, check with your doctor.

## Before using this medicine:

Tell your doctor if you have or have ever had diabetes, heart attacks, cardiovascular, thyroid gland, adrenal gland, liver or kidney disorders.

## How to use this medicine?

Take the medicine exactly as directed by your doctor. Do not take more or less of it or take it more often than prescribed.

This medication must be taken regularly to be effective.

Do not stop taking it abruptly unless instructed by your doctor, even if you feel well.

This medication can be taken with or without food.

## Precautions while taking this medicine:

When you take this medicine with some other medicines, it may affect how they work. Be sure that you tell all doctors, pharmacists, dentists and other health care providers who treat you about all medicines and natural remedies you are taking.

## What should I do if I forget a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember it. However, if it is more than half way between the doses, skip the missed dose and take your medicine at the usual time.

**Do not take two doses at the same time to make up for a missed one.**

## Possible Side Effects

Like all medications, this medication may also cause some POSSIBLE side effects in some people. Everyone responds differently to medications; so not everyone experiences any or all of them.

Side effects may occur with excessive dosing and may require dose adjustments. Contact your doctor if you develop any of the following side effects:

- ~ Allergic reaction: Skin rash, itching, swelling or difficulty breathing.
- ~ Fever
- ~ Chest pain
- ~ Flushing
- ~ Heat intolerance
- ~ Uneven or fast heartbeat
- ~ Swelling of hands or feet
- ~ Headache
- ~ Tremors

**If you have any concerns about your medications or if you have other side effects that you think are caused by this medicine, please consult with your doctor or pharmacist.**

## Where should I store the medicine?

Store this medicine at room temperature, away from direct light, heat and moisture (not in the bathroom) and out of reach of children.

Throw away any medication that is expired or no longer needed.

***Do not share the medicine with other people.***

***Ask your doctor or pharmacist for more information or if you have any questions.***



*Patient Information Leaflet on*

# Liothyronine

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