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Drug: VIAGRA 50MG TAB

COMMON NAME: SILDENAFIL (sil-DEN-a-fil)

COMMON USES: This medicine is a phosphodiesterase inhibitor used to treat sexual function problems such as impotence or erectile dysfunction. In combination with sexual stimulation, this medicine works by helping the blood flow into the penis to achieve and maintain an erection. This medicine is not intended for use in women or children. This medicine will not protect against sexually transmitted diseases including HIV infection. Use "safe sex" practices such as latex condoms. Contact your doctor or pharmacist for more details.

BEFORE USING THIS MEDICINE: Some medicines or medical conditions may interact with this medicine. **INFORM YOUR DOCTOR OR PHARMACIST** of all prescription and over-the-counter medicine that you are taking. **DO NOT TAKE THIS MEDICINE** if you are taking any form of nitroglycerin (such as tablet, patch, or ointment dose forms) or other nitrates (such as isosorbide), nitroprusside (or any "nitric oxide donor" medicine), or recreational drugs called "poppers" containing amyl or butyl nitrate because very serious interactions may occur. If you are not sure whether a certain medicine is a nitrate, contact your doctor or pharmacist. If you are currently using any of these medicines, tell your doctor or pharmacist before using sildenafil. **ADDITIONAL MONITORING OF YOUR DOSE OR CONDITION may be needed** if you are taking other medicines for impotence, antifungals (such as itraconazole or ketoconazole), cimetidine, delavirdine, erythromycin, mibefradil, or rifampin. If you are taking an HIV protease inhibitor (such as zidovudine or zalcitabine), do not take more than a 25 mg dose of sildenafil in a 48-hour period. If you are taking more than a 25 mg dose of sildenafil and are also taking an alpha-blocker medicine (such as doxazosin, prazosin, or terazosin) for various conditions (such as enlarged prostate), separate the time between taking these medicines by more than 4 hours. **DO NOT START OR STOP** any medicine without doctor or pharmacist approval. Inform your doctor of any other medical conditions including penis conditions (such as angulation, fibrosis/scarring, or Peyronie's disease), history of painful/prolonged erection (priapism), sickle cell anemia, blood system cancers (such as leukemia or myeloma), vision problems (such as retina diseases like retinitis pigmentosa) or history of vision loss, kidney or liver disease, bleeding disorders, active stomach ulcers, heart problems (such as recent heart attack or irregular heartbeat within past 6 months, heart failure, coronary artery disease with unstable angina, aortic stenosis or idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis), recent stroke within past 6 months, very high or low blood pressure, or allergies. Contact your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions or concerns about taking this medicine.

HOW TO USE THIS MEDICINE: Follow the directions for using this medicine provided by your doctor. **TAKE THIS MEDICINE** by mouth as needed between four hours and one-half hour before sexual activity (about 1 hour before is most effective), or take as directed by your doctor. **DO NOT TAKE THIS MEDICINE** more often than once daily as needed. A high fat meal may delay the time of onset of this medicine. Your dosage is based on your medical condition, your response to therapy, and other medicines you are taking. Consult your doctor or pharmacist for more information. **STORE THIS MEDICINE** at room temperature 77 degrees F (25 degrees C) in a tightly-closed container, away from heat, moisture, and light. Brief storage between 59 and 86 degrees F (15 and 30 degrees C) is permitted.

CAUTIONS: DO NOT TAKE THIS MEDICINE if you have had an allergic reaction to it in the past or to any other ingredient that is found in it. **THIS MEDICINE MAY CAUSE VISION CHANGES. DO NOT DRIVE, OPERATE MACHINERY, OR DO ANYTHING ELSE THAT COULD BE DANGEROUS** until you know how you react to this medicine. Using this medicine alone, with other medicines, or with alcohol may lessen your ability to drive or to perform other potentially dangerous tasks. **TO MINIMIZE DIZZINESS OR LIGHTEADEDNESS,** sit up or stand slowly when rising from a seated or lying position. Your dose is based on your medical condition, response to therapy, and the other medicines you are taking. **DO NOT EXCEED THE RECOMMENDED DOSE** without checking with your doctor. Rarely, this medicine may change heart rhythm, especially if taken with other medicines that can change the heart rhythm. This change in heart rhythm can result in serious, rarely fatal, irregular heartbeats. **Ask your doctor for more information and if you should stop taking any of your other medicines to reduce the risk of this side effect. BEFORE YOU BEGIN TAKING ANY NEW MEDICINE,** either prescription or over-the-counter, check with your doctor or pharmacist. **CAUTION IS ADVISED WHEN USING THIS MEDICINE IN THE ELDERLY** because they may be more sensitive to the side effects of this medicine. **THIS MEDICINE SHOULD NOT BE USED IN WOMEN OR CHILDREN.**

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS: SIDE EFFECTS that may occur while taking this medicine include headache, flushing, stomach upset, heartburn, nasal stuffiness, diarrhea, dizziness, or lightheadedness. Vision changes such as increased sensitivity to light, blurred vision, or impaired blue/green color discrimination may also occur. If these continue or are bothersome, check with your doctor or pharmacist. **CONTACT YOUR DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY** if you experience vision loss in one or both eyes. Sexual activity may put extra strain on your heart, especially if you have heart problems. If you have heart problems and experience any serious side effects while having sex, stop having sex and tell your doctor immediately. These side effects include severe dizziness, fainting, chest pain, or nausea. In the unlikely event that you have a painful or prolonged erection (lasting more than 4 hours), stop using this medicine and seek immediate medical attention or permanent problems could occur. **AN ALLERGIC REACTION TO THIS MEDICINE** is unlikely, but seek immediate medical attention if it occurs. Symptoms of an allergic reaction include rash, itching, unusual swelling, severe dizziness, or trouble breathing. If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

OVERDOSE: If overdose is suspected, contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately. Symptoms of overdose may include severe dizziness, fainting, or prolonged erection.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: If your symptoms do not improve or if they become worse, check with your doctor. **DO NOT SHARE THIS MEDICINE** with others for whom it was not prescribed, since they may have a problem that is not effectively treated with this medicine, so they may have a condition that is complicated by this medicine. **DO NOT USE THIS MEDICINE** for other health conditions. **KEEP THIS MEDICINE** out of the reach of children and pets. **IF USING THIS MEDICINE FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME,** obtain refills before your supply runs out.

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Sildenafil



Patient Education

Sildenafil tablets (Viagra®)

What are sildenafil tablets?

SILDENAFIL (Viagra®) is used to treat erection problems in men. Generic sildenafil tablets are not yet available.

What should my health care professional know before I take sildenafil?

They need to know if you have any of these conditions:

- *anatomical deformity of the penis, Peyronie's disease, or ever had an erection that lasted more than 4 hours
- *benign prostatic hypertrophy (BPH)
- *bleeding disorder
- *cancer
- *diabetes
- *frequent heartburn or gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)
- *heart disease, angina, high or low blood pressure, a history of heart attack, or other heart problems
- *high cholesterol
- *kidney disease
- *liver disease
- *sickle cell disease
- *stomach or intestinal ulcer
- *stroke
- *eye or vision problems, including a rare inherited eye disease called retinitis pigmentosa
- *an unusual or allergic reaction to sildenafil, other medicines, foods, dyes, or preservatives
- *pregnant or trying to get pregnant
- *breast-feeding

How should I take this medicine?

Take sildenafil tablets by mouth. Follow the directions on the prescription label. The dose is usually taken 1 hour before sexual activity. You should not take this dose more than once per day. Swallow the tablets with a drink of water. Do not take double or extra doses.

Contact your pediatrician or health care professional regarding the use of this medicine in children. Special care may be needed.

What if I miss a dose?

This does not apply.

What drug(s) may interact with sildenafil?

Do not take sildenafil if you are taking the following medications:

- *nitroglycerin-type drugs for the heart or chest pain such as amyl nitrite, isosorbide dinitrate, isosorbide

mononitrate, nitroglycerin, even if these are only taken occasionally

Sildenafil may also interact with the following medications:

- *alpha blockers, used for high blood pressure or an enlarged prostate. NOTE: Do not take doses of sildenafil higher than 25 mg within 4 hours of taking alpha blockers, such as alfuzosin (UroXatral®), doxazosin (Cardura®), prazosin (Minipress®), or terazosin (Hytrin®).
- *bosentan
- *certain drugs used for seizures such as carbamazepine, phenytoin, and phenobarbital
- *certain drugs used for fungal or yeast infections, such as fluconazole, ketoconazole, and voriconazole
- *certain drugs for the treatment of HIV infection or AIDS
- *cimetidine
- *cisapride
- *clarithromycin
- *diltiazem
- *erythromycin
- *grapefruit juice
- *mibefradil
- *nitroprusside
- *rifabutin
- *rifampin
- *quinidine
- *some drugs for treating depression, anxiety or other mood problems (examples: fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, nefazodone)
- *verapamil

Tell your prescriber or health care professional about all other medicines you are taking, including non-prescription medicines, nutritional supplements, or herbal products. Also tell your prescriber or health care professional if you are a frequent user of drinks with caffeine or alcohol, if you smoke, or if you use illegal drugs. These may affect the way your medicine works. Check with your health care professional before stopping or starting any of your medicines.

What side effects may I notice from taking sildenafil?

Side effects that you should report to your prescriber or health care professional as soon as possible:

- *changes in vision such as loss of vision, blurred vision, eyes being more sensitive to light, or trouble telling the difference between blue and green objects or objects having a blue color tinge to them
- *difficulty breathing, shortness of breath
- *chest pain or palpitations
- *prolonged erection (lasting longer than 4 hours)
- *skin rash, itching

Side effects that usually do not require medical attention (report to your prescriber or health care professional if they continue or are bothersome):

- *diarrhea
- *dizziness
- *flushing
- *headache
- *indigestion
- *nasal congestion

What should I watch for while taking sildenafil?

If you notice any changes in your vision while taking this drug, notify your prescriber or health care professional as soon as possible. Stop using sildenafil right away if you have a loss of sight in one or both eyes. Contact your healthcare provider immediately.

Contact your physician immediately if the erection lasts longer than 4 hours or if it becomes painful. This may be a sign of priapism and must be treated immediately to prevent permanent damage.

If you experience symptoms of nausea, dizziness, chest pain or arm pain upon initiation of sexual activity after sildenafil use, you should refrain from further activity and should discuss the episode with your prescriber or health care professional as soon as possible.

Do not change the dose of your medication. Please call your prescriber or health care professional to determine if your dose needs to be reevaluated.

Using Viagra® (sildenafil) does not protect you or your partner against HIV infection (the virus that causes AIDS) or other sexually transmitted diseases.

Where can I keep my medicine?

Keep out of reach of children in a container that small children cannot open.

Store at room temperature between 15 and 30 degrees C (59 and 86 degrees F). Throw away any unused medicine after the expiration date.

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