

**Composition :** Levodopa+Carbidopa;  
(100mg+10mg) & (250mg+25mg) Tablet.

**Indications :** D-dopa is indicated for the treatment of idiopathic Parkinson's disease, post-encephalitic parkinsonism and symptomatic parkinsonism which may follow injury to the nervous system by carbon monoxide intoxication or manganese intoxication.

**Dosage and administration :** Dosage is initiated with 50-100mg Levodopa and 10-12.5mg Carbidopa 3-4 times daily. If necessary dosage may be increased by 50-100mg daily or on alternate days according to response upto Levodopa 800mg and Carbidopa 80-100mg daily in divided doses. Or, as directed by the registered physician.

**Contraindications :** It is contraindicated in patients receiving nonselective monoamine oxidase inhibitors and with known hypersensitivity to the drug. It is also contraindicated in patients with narrow angle glaucoma, suspicious undiagnosed skin lesion or a history of melanoma.

**Side effects :** The most common adverse reactions with Levodopa and Carbidopa are nausea, dystonia, other involuntary movements, convulsions, dementia and mental changes, sialorrhoea, hiccups, gastrointestinal disturbances, ulceration and bleeding, cardiac irregularities, orthostatic hypotensive episodes, hypertension, phlebitis, anxiety, edema, oculogyric crisis and urinary complaints.

## D-Dopa

Film Coated Tablet

**Pregnancy and lactation :** Pregnancy Category Levodopa **N** Carbidopa **C**.

**Precautions :** Levodopa and Carbidopa should be used with extreme caution in severe cardiovascular or pulmonary disease, bronchial asthma, renal, hepatic, endocrine disease, peptic ulcer and chronic wide angle glaucoma. This formulation has not been established in patients under 18 years of age.

**Drug interactions :** D-dopa can cause symptomatic postural hypotension and hence must be given cautiously to patients on antihypertensive drugs. Since phenothiazines, butyrophenones, phenytoin and papaverine may reduce the therapeutic effects of Levodopa, concomitant administration of these drugs with D-dopa should be advocated with care.

**Packing :**

**D-dopa 110 :** 3x10's tablets in blister pack.

**D-dopa 275 :** 5x10's tablets in blister pack.