

Composition : Niacin 500mg Tablet.

Indications : **Niapid** is indicated as an adjunct to diet for reduction of elevated TC, CDL-C, Apo B and TG levels and to increase HDL-C in patients with primary hypercholesterolemia and mixed dyslipidemia (Fredrickson Types IIa and IIb) when the response to an appropriate diet has been inadequate. It is also indicated as an adjunctive therapy for treatment of adult patients with very high triglyceride levels (Type IV hyperlipidemia)

Dose & administration : Initially 500mg tablet at bedtime from 1 to 4 weeks.

Maintenance Dose : the daily dosage should not be increased by more than 500mg in any 4 week period. The recommended maintenance dose is 1000mg (two tablet) to 2000 mg (4 tablets) once daily at bedtime. Dose greater than 2000 mg daily are not recommended. Or, as directed by the registered physician.

Contraindications : This medicine is contraindicated to patients with hypersensitivity to any component of this product, significant hepatic dysfunction, active peptic ulcer disease or arterial bleeding.

Precautions : Patient with a past history of Jaundice, Peptic ulcer should be observed closely during Niacin therapy.

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Side effects : Niacin is generally well tolerated. The most common adverse events are warmth, redness, itching, dizziness etc. Generalised edema, peptic ulceration, gout etc have also been reported.

Use in pregnancy and lactation : Pregnancy Category **C** by FDA.

Drug interaction : Niacin may potentiate the effects of ganglionic blocking agents and vasoactive drugs resulting in postural hypotension. Concomitant aspirin may decrease the metabolic clearance of nicotinic acid.

Packing : Niapid : 3 x 10's tablets in blister pack.