

# Levox

F.C. Tablets



## Composition:

Each **Levox** 500 F.C. Tablet contains: levofloxacin 500 mg as hemihydrate.

Each **Levox** 750 F.C. Tablet contains: levofloxacin 750 mg as hemihydrate.

## Mechanism of Action:

levofloxacin is a fluoroquinolone antibiotic. Its bactericidal effect is produced by inhibiting the second and fourth types of the enzyme topoisomerase (DNA-gyrase), which is necessary for the replication, repair and replication of bacterial DNA.

## Pharmacokinetics:

Following oral administration levofloxacin is absorbed rapidly and reaching maximum serum concentrations 12-hours later. The absolute bioavailability is approximately 99.100%. Protein binding of levofloxacin is about 40%. Levofloxacin has a widespread distribution into body tissues. It is largely excreted unchanged both renally (about 85%) and, to a smaller extent, faecally. The serum elimination half-life is approximately 68- hours.

## Indications:

Levofloxacin is used to treat different types of bacterial infections: acute bacterial sinusitis, acute exacerbations of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease including uncomplicated bronchitis and cystitis, complex skin and soft tissue infections, acute pyelonephritis and complex urinary tract infections, prostatitis Chronic bacterial.

## Contraindications:

- Hypersensitivity to quinolones or any of the ingredients in the product.
- In patients with epilepsy.
- In children or growing adolescents.

## Warnings and precautions:

- Caution should be taken when using **Levox** in patients with known risk factors for prolongation of the QT interval.
- As with all quinolones, disturbances in blood glucose, including both hypoglycaemia and hyperglycaemia have been reported.
- It should be used with caution in patients with significant renal or hepatic disorders.
- **Levox** should be used with caution in patients with myasthenia gravis.
- In patients with a glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency, **Levox** should be used with caution due to the risk of hemolysis.
- **Levox** should be used with extreme caution in patients predisposed to seizures, or

concomitant treatment with active substances that lower the cerebral seizure threshold.

- **Levox** use has rarely been associated with Hypersensitivity reactions.

- Tendonitis and/or rupture of tendons are observed during treatment with quinolone. After the first signs of pain or inflammation, the treatment should be discontinued.

## Pregnancy and Lactation:

**Levox** is contraindicated in both pregnancy and lactation.

## Driving and using machines:

Some undesirable effects (e.g. dizziness, visual disturbances) may impair the patients ability to drive and using machines.

## Drug Interactions:

- Levofloxacin absorption is significantly reduced when iron salts, or magnesium- or aluminium-containing antacids, or didanosine, or Sucralfate are administered concomitantly with **Levox** tablets.

- The renal clearance of levofloxacin was reduced by cimetidine (24%) and probenecid (34%).

- The half-life of ciclosporin was increased by 33% when coadministered with levofloxacin.

- Simultaneous administration of **Levox** with a vitamin k antagonist may augment its anti-coagulant effects.

## Side Effects:

Common: Insomnia, Headache, Dizziness, Diarrhoea, Vomiting, Nausea, Hepatic enzyme increased (eg. ALT/ AST).

Uncommon: Fungal infection including Candida infection, Pathogen resistance, Leukopenia, Eosinophilia, Anorexia, Anxiety, Confusional state, Nervousness, Somnolence, Tremor, Vertigo, Dyspnoea, Dyspepsia, Constipation, Rash, Urticaria.

## Dosage and Administration:

**Levox** tablets are administered once or twice daily. The dosage depends on the type and severity of the infection and the sensitivity of the presumed causative pathogen. The duration of therapy varies according to the course of the disease (see table below).

Dosage in patients with normal renal function:

Indication	Daily dose regimen (according to severity)	Duration of treatment (according to severity)
Acute bacterial sinusitis	500 mg once daily	10 - 14 days
Acute exacerbations of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease including bronchitis	500 mg once daily	7 - 10 days

Community-acquired pneumonia	500 mg once or twice daily	7 - 14 days
Acute pyelonephritis	500 mg once daily	7 - 10 days
Complicated urinary tract infections	500 mg once daily	7 - 14 days
Uncomplicated cystitis	250 mg once daily	3 days
Chronic bacterial prostatitis	500 mg once daily	28 days
Complicated Skin and soft tissue infections	500 mg once or twice daily	7 - 14 days
Inhalation Anthrax	500 mg once daily	8 weeks

Impaired renal function (creatinine clearance < 50 ml/min)

Creatinine clearance	Dosage regimen		
	250 mg/24 h	500 mg/ 24 h	500 mg/12 h
	First dose: 250 mg	First dose: 500 mg	First dose: 500 mg
5020- ml/min	Then: 125 mg/24h	Then: 250 mg/24 h	Then: 250 mg/12 h
1910- ml/min	Then: 125 mg/48 h	Then: 125 mg/24 h	Then: 125 mg/12 h
< 10 ml/min (including haemodialysis and CAPD)1	Then: 125 mg/48 h	Then: 125 mg/24 h	Then: 125 mg/24 h

No additional doses are required after haemodialysis or continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD).

## Overdose:

Symptoms in overdose consist of : central nervous system symptoms such as confusion, dizziness, impairment of consciousness, and convulsive seizures, increases in QT interval as well as gastro-intestinal reactions such as nausea and mucosal erosions.

## Management:

Patients should be referred to hospital urgently for immediate medical attention.

## Storage:

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children. Store below 25°C. Store in the original package.

## Packaging:

Each carton box of **Levox** (500 -750) contains 10 tablets in blister strip.

\*A medicine is a product which affects your health, and its consumption contrary to instructions is dangerous for you.  
Follow strictly the doctors prescription, the method of use and the quantity indicated on the label of the medicine.  
The doctor and the pharmacist experts in medicine, its benefits and risks.  
Do not give the medicine to children under 16 years old.  
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