

DESCRIPTION: Seropam® (Escitalopram oxalate) is a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI).

INDICATIONS: Seropam® is indicated for acute & maintenance treatment of major depressive disorder (MDD) in adult & adolescent aged 12-17 years. Acute treatment of generalized anxiety disorder (GAD) in adults, social anxiety disorder (SAD). **DOSAGE GUIDELINE:** Acute and maintenance treatment of depression: Adults and adolescents aged 12-17 years: 10 mg once daily, increased if necessary to maximum 20 mg per day. Elderly (above 65 years): Initially 5 mg once daily, 10 mg/day is the recommended dose for most elderly patients. Patients with hepatic impairment: 10 mg/day is recommended. Patients with mild or moderate renal impairment: No dosage adjustment is required. It should be taken morning or evening with or without food.

SIDE EFFECTS: The most common side effects of Seropam® are nausea, insomnia, ejaculation disorder, fatigue & drowsiness, increased sweating, decreased libido & anorgasmia.

CONTRAINDICATIONS: Seropam® should not be used with a Mono Amino Oxidase Inhibitor (MAOI) or within 14 days of stopping a MAOI. Allow 14 days after stopping Seropam before starting an MAOI, should not be used concomitantly with pimozidels contraindicated in patients who have demonstrated hypersensitivity to the drug or any inactive ingredients.

WARNING & PRECAUTIONS: Patients should be monitored for suicidal tendency & unusual change in behavior while taking Seropam®. In case of serotonin syndrome or neuroepileptic malignant syndrome there should be close monitoring, discontinuation of treatment might be required. A gradual reduction in dose rather than abrupt cessation is recommended if necessary. Patients with a history of seizure & mania should be prescribed Seropam® carefully. Abnormal bleeding may occur if Seropam is used concomitantly with NSAIDs, aspirin, warfarin & other drugs that affect coagulation. Patients taking Seropam® should be careful about operating machinery. Seropam® should be cautiously used in patients with disease that produce altered metabolism.

USE IN PREGNANCY AND LACTATION: Pregnancy category is C. Escitalopram is excreted in breast milk. Caution should be required when Seropam® is administered to a nursing woman

DRUG INTERACTION: Concomitant use of Seropam® with SSRIs, SNRIs or tryptophan is not recommended. Caution is advised when co administered with other drugs that may affect the serotonergic neurotransmitter systems, such as tryptans, linezolid, lithium, tramadol.

PACKAGING: Seropam® 10 tablet: Box containing 30 tablets in 3x10's blister strips. Each tablet contains Escitalopram Oxalate INN equivalent to 10 mg Escitalopram. Seropam® 5 tablet: Box containing 30 tablets in 3x10's blister strips. Each tablet contains Escitalopram Oxalate INN equivalent to 5 mg Escitalopram.