

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

SCHEDULING STATUS

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1 NAME OF MEDICINE

NOCTRIN 2 mg (Prolonged Release Tablets)

2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each prolonged release tablet contains 2 mg melatonin.

Excipient with known effect:
Contains 90,00 mg of lactose monohydrate per tablet.

For a full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

3 PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Prolonged Release Tablets.
White to off-white, round, biconvex shaped tablets.

4 CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic indications
NOCTRIN 2 mg is indicated for the short term (3 weeks) treatment of primary insomnia characterised by poor quality of sleep in patients who are aged 55 years or over.

4.2 Posology and method of administration

Posology
The recommended dose in patients 55 years and older is 2 mg once daily, 1 - 2 hours before bedtime and after food. The dosage may be continued for 3 weeks. Efficacy in patients younger than 55 years has not been demonstrated.

Paediatric use

NOCTRIN 2 mg is not recommended for use in children and adolescents below age 18 due to insufficient data on safety and efficacy.

Renal insufficiency

The effect of any stage of renal insufficiency on melatonin pharmacokinetics has not been studied.

Hepatic impairment

There is no experience with NOCTRIN 2 mg in patients with liver impairment. Data demonstrates markedly elevated endogenous melatonin levels during daytime hours due to decreased clearance in patients with hepatic impairment. Therefore, NOCTRIN 2 mg is not recommended for use in patients with hepatic impairment.

Method of administration

For oral use.
Tablets should be swallowed whole to maintain prolonged release properties. The tablet should not be crushed or chewed to facilitate swallowing. Tablets should be taken after a meal.

4.3 Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to melatonin or any of the excipients listed in section 6.1.

4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

Autoimmune disease
No clinical data exist concerning the use of NOCTRIN 2 mg in individuals with autoimmune diseases. Therefore, NOCTRIN 2 mg is not recommended for use in patients with autoimmune diseases.

Excipients

NOCTRIN 2 mg contains lactose monohydrate. Patients with rare hereditary problems of galactose intolerance, the Lapp-lactase deficiency or glucose-galactose malabsorption should not take NOCTRIN 2 mg.

Paediatric population

NOCTRIN 2 mg is not recommended for use in children and adolescents below age 18 due to insufficient data on safety and efficacy.

4.5 Interaction with other medicines and other forms of interaction

Interaction studies have only been performed in adults.

Pharmacokinetic interactions

Melatonin has been observed to induce CYP3A *in vitro* at supra-therapeutic concentrations. The clinical relevance of this finding is unknown. If induction occurs, this can give rise to reduced plasma concentrations of concomitantly administered medicines.

Melatonin does not induce CYP1A enzymes *in vitro* at supra-therapeutic concentrations. Therefore, interactions between melatonin and other active substances as a consequence of melatonin's effect on CYP1A enzymes are not likely to be significant.

Melatonin's metabolism is mainly mediated by CYP1A enzymes. Therefore, interactions between melatonin and other active substances as a consequence of their effect on CYP1A enzymes is possible.

There is a large amount of data available in the literature regarding the effect of adrenergic agonists/antagonists, opiate agonists/antagonists, antidepressants, prostaticlindinhibitors, benzodiazepines, tryptophan and alcohol, on endogenous melatonin secretion. Whether or not these active substances interfere with the dynamic or kinetic effects of NOCTRIN 2 mg or vice versa has not been studied.

Pharmacodynamic interactions

Alcohol should not be taken with NOCTRIN 2 mg, because it reduces the effectiveness of NOCTRIN 2 mg on sleep.

NOCTRIN 2 mg may enhance the sedative properties of benzodiazepines and nonbenzodiazepine hypnotics, such as zaleplon, zolpidem and zopiclone. In a clinical trial, there was clear evidence for a transitory pharmacodynamic interaction between melatonin and zolpidem one hour following co-dosing. Concomitant administration resulted in increased impairment of attention, memory and coordination compared to zolpidem alone.

NOCTRIN 2 mg has been co-administered in studies with thioridazine and imipramine. No clinically significant pharmacokinetic interactions were found. However, melatonin co-administration resulted in increased feelings of tranquility and difficulty in performing tasks compared to imipramine alone, and increased feelings of "muzzy-headedness" compared to thioridazine alone.

4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

Pregnancy
Safety in pregnancy and lactation has not been established. There are no clinical data available on use in pregnancy. In view of the lack of clinical data, use in pregnant women and by women intending to become pregnant is not recommended.

Breastfeeding

Endogenous melatonin was measured in breast milk, thus exogenous melatonin is probably secreted into human milk. Therefore, breastfeeding is not recommended in women under treatment with melatonin.

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Melatonin may cause drowsiness. Patients should avoid engaging in hazardous activities (such as driving or operating machinery) after taking NOCTRIN 2 mg (see section 4.8).

4.8 Undesirable effects

The following adverse reactions were reported in clinical trials and from post-marketing spontaneous reporting. Within each frequency grouping, undesirable effects are presented in order of decreasing seriousness.

a. Tabulated summary of adverse reactions

System Organ Class	Frequency	Undesirable effect
Infections and infestations	<i>Less frequent</i>	Herpes zoster
Blood and lymphatic disorders	<i>Less frequent</i>	Leukopenia Thrombocytopenia
Immune system disorders	<i>Frequency unknown</i>	Hypersensitivity reaction
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	<i>Less frequent</i>	Hypertriglyceridaemia Hypocalcaemia Hyponatraemia
Psychiatric disorders	<i>Less frequent</i>	Irritability Nervousness Hyperhidrosis Insomnia Abnormal dreams Nightmares Pruritus Anxiety Altered mood Aggression Agitation Crying Stress symptoms Disorientation Early morning awakening Increased libido Depressed mood Depression
Nervous system disorders	<i>Less frequent</i>	Migraine Headache Lethargy Psychomotor Hyperactivity Dizziness Somnolence Syncope Memory impairment Distressance in attention Restless legs Poor quality sleep Paraesthesia
Eye disorders	<i>Less frequent</i>	Reduced visual acuity Blurred vision Increased lacrimation
Ear and labyrinth disorders	<i>Less frequent</i>	Positional vertigo Vertigo
Cardiac disorders	<i>Less frequent</i>	Angina pectoris Palpitations
Vascular disorders	<i>Less frequent</i>	Hypertension Hot flushes
Gastrointestinal disorders	<i>Less frequent</i>	Abdominal pain (upper) Abdominal discomfort Anxiety Dyspepsia Mouth ulceration Nausea Constipation Dry mouth Gastrointestinal upset Gastro-oesophageal reflux Oral mucosal blistering Tongue ulceration Vomiting Abnormal bowel sounds Flatulence Salivary hypersecretion Halitosis
Hepatobiliary disorders	<i>Less frequent</i>	Hyperbilirubinaemia
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	<i>Less frequent</i>	Dermatitis Night sweats Hyperhidrosis Eczema Erythema Pruritic rash Pruritus Dry skin Nail disorder Night sweats Hand dermatitis Psoriasis
	<i>Frequency unknown</i>	Angioedema Oedema of mouth Tongue oedema
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	<i>Less frequent</i>	Pain in extremities Arthritis Muscle cramp Neck pain Night cramps
Renal and urinary disorders	<i>Less frequent</i>	Glycosuria Proteinuria Polyuria Nocturia
Reproductive system and breast disorders	<i>Less frequent</i>	Menopausal symptoms Priapism Prostatitis
	<i>Frequency unknown</i>	Galactorrhoea
General disorders and administration site conditions	<i>Less frequent</i>	Asthenia Chest pain Fatigue Pain Thirst
Investigations	<i>Less frequent</i>	Increased weight Abnormal liver test Hepatic enzyme increase Abnormal blood electrolyte Abnormal laboratory tests

b. Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicine is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicine. Health care providers are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions to SAHPRA via the "6.04 Adverse Drug Reactions Reporting Form", found online under SAHPRA's publications: <https://www.sahpra.org.za/Publications/Index#8>

4.9 Overdose

No case of overdose has been reported. If overdose occurs, drowsiness is to be expected. Clearance of the active substance is expected within 12 hours after ingestion. No special treatment is required.

5 PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

A.2 Sedatives, Hypnotics
Pharmacotherapeutic Group: Psycholeptics, Melatonin Receptor Agonists.
ATC Code: N05CH01.

Melatonin is a naturally occurring hormone produced by the pineal gland and is structurally related to serotonin. The activity of melatonin at the melatonin 1 (MT1), melatonin 2 (MT2) and melatonin 3 (MT3) receptors is believed to contribute to its sleep promoting properties, as these receptors (mainly MT1 and MT2) are involved in the regulation of circadian rhythms and sleep regulation.

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

Absorption
The absorption of orally ingested melatonin is complete in adults and may be decreased by up to 50 % in the elderly. The kinetics of melatonin is linear over the range of 2 - 8 mg.

Bioavailability is in the order of 15 %. There is a significant first pass effect with an estimated first pass metabolism of 85 %. T_{max} occurs after 3 hours in a fed state. The rate of melatonin absorption and C_{max} following oral administration is affected by food. The presence of food delayed the absorption of the melatonin resulting in a later ($T_{max} = 3,0$ h versus $T_{max} = 0,75$ h) and lower peak plasma concentration in the fed state ($C_{max} = 1020$ pg/mL versus $C_{max} = 1176$ pg/mL).

Distribution

The *in vitro* plasma protein binding of melatonin is approximately 60 %. Melatonin is mainly bound to albumin, alpha1-acid glycoprotein and high-density lipoprotein.

Biotransformation

Experimental data suggest that isoenzymes CYP1A1, CYP1A2 and possibly CYP2C19 of the cytochrome P450 system are involved in melatonin metabolism. The principal metabolite, 6-sulphatoxy-melatonin (6-S-MT), is inactive. The site of biotransformation is the liver. The excretion of the metabolite is completed within 12 hours after ingestion.

Elimination

Terminal half-life ($t_{1/2}$) is 3,5 - 4 hours. Elimination is by renal excretion of metabolites, 89 % as sulphated and glucuronide conjugates of 6-hydroxymelatonin and 2 % is excreted as unchanged melatonin.

Gender

A 3- to 4-fold increase in C_{max} is apparent for women compared to men. A five-fold variability in C_{max} between different members of the same gender has also been observed. No pharmacodynamic differences between males and females were found despite differences in blood levels.

Special populations

Elderly
Melatonin metabolism is known to decline with age. Across a range of doses, higher AUC and C_{max} levels have been reported in older subjects compared to younger subjects, reflecting lower metabolic clearance of melatonin in the elderly. C_{max} levels around 500 pg/mL in adults (18 - 45) versus 1200 pg/mL in the elderly (55 - 69); AUC levels around 3000 ng/h/mL in adults versus 5000 ng/h/mL in the elderly.

Renal impairment

There is no accumulation after repeated dosing. This finding is compatible with the short half-life in humans. The levels assessed in the blood of patients with end stage renal disease on chronic haemodialysis, at 23:00 (2 hours after administration) following 1 and 3 weeks of daily administration were 411,4 ± 56,5 and 432,0 ± 83,2 pg/mL respectively and are similar to those found in healthy volunteers following a single dose of 2 mg melatonin.

Hepatic impairment

The liver is the primary site of melatonin metabolism and therefore, hepatic impairment results in higher endogenous melatonin levels. Plasma melatonin levels in patients with cirrhosis were significantly increased during daylight hours. Patients had a significantly decreased total excretion of 6-sulphatoxymelatonin compared with controls.

6 PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

Lactose monohydrate
Calcium hydrogen phosphate dehydrate
Ammonio methacrylate copolymer (Type B)

Purified talc
Colloidal anhydrous silica

6.2 Incompatibilities

Magnesium stearate
Unknown.

6.3 Shelf life

3 years.

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store at or below 25 °C.
Protect from light.
Keep out of reach of children.

6.5 Nature and contents of container

Tablets are packed in PVC/PVDC/Al or Alu/Alu blister packs of 21, 30 or 7 tablets.
The blisters are then packed in cardboard boxes.
Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling

No special requirements for disposal. Any unused medicinal product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

7 HOLDER OF CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

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8 REGISTRATION NUMBER(S)

NOCTRIN XR 2 MG: 52/2.2/0780

9 DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION / RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORISATION

24 May 2022

10 DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT

N.A

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1 NAAM VAN DIE MEDISYNE

NOCTRIN 2 mg (Verlengde-vrystellingstablette)

2 KWALITATIEWE EN KWANTITATIEWE SAMESTELLING

Elke verlengde-vrystellingstablet bevat 2 mg melatonin.

Hulpstowwe met bekende effek:
Bevat 90,00 mg laktosemonohidraat per tablet.

Vir die volledige lys van hulpstowwe, sien afdeling 6.1.

3 FARMASEUTIESE VORM

Verlengde-vrystellingstablette.
Wit tot naaswit, ronde, bikonvekse gevormde tablette.

4 KLINIESE BESONDERHEDE

4.1 Terapeutiese indikasies
NOCTRIN 2 mg word aangevul vir die korttermyn (3 weke) behandeling van primêre slaapproeheid gekenmerk deur swak kwaliteit slaap by pasiënte wat 55 jaar of ouer is.

4.2 Posologie en metode van toediening

Posologie
Die aanbevole dosis by pasiënte van 55 jaar en ouer is 2 mg een maal per dag, 1 - 2 uur voor slapensyd en na voedsel. Die dosis mag vir 3 weke voortgesit word. Effektiviteit by pasiënte jonger as 55 jaar is nie vasgestel nie.

Pediatriese gebruik

NOCTRIN 2 mg word nie aanbeveel vir gebruik by kinders en adolessente onder die ouderdom van 18 nie as gevolg van onvoldoende data oor die veiligheid en effektiwiteit.

Renale ontoereikendheid

Die effek van enige stadium van renale ontoereikendheid op die farmakokinetika van melatonin is nie bestudeer nie.

Hepatiiese inkorting

Daar is geen ervaring met NOCTRIN 2 mg by pasiënte met lewerinkorting nie. Data toon merkwaardig verhoogde endogene melatonienvlakke gedurende dagure as gevolg van verminderde opruiming by pasiënte met hepatese inkorting. Daarom word NOCTRIN 2 mg nie aanbeveel vir gebruik by pasiënte met hepatese inkorting nie.

Metode van toediening

Vir orale gebruik.
Tablette behoort heel ingesluk te word om die langdurig-vrystellende eienskappe te handhaaf. Die tablet moet nie vergruis of gekou word om sluk te vergemaklik nie. Tablette moet na 'n maaltyd geneem word.

4.3 Kontraïndikasies

Hipersensitieweit vir melatonin of enige van die hulpstowwe gelys in afdeling 6.1.

4.4 Spesiale waarskuwings en voorsorgmaatreëls vir gebruik

Outo-immuun siekte
Geen kliniese data bestaan rakende die gebruik van NOCTRIN 2 mg by individue met outo-immuun siektes nie. Daarom word NOCTRIN 2 mg nie aanbeveel vir gebruik by pasiënte met outo-immuun siektes nie.

Hulpstowwe

NOCTRIN 2 mg bevat laktosemonohidraat. Pasiënte met seldsame oeroflike probleme van galaktose-onverdraagsaamheid, die Lapp-laktase-tekort of glukose-galaktose-wanabsorpsie moet nie NOCTRIN 2 mg neem nie.

Pediatriese populasie

NOCTRIN 2 mg word nie aanbeveel vir gebruik by kinders en adolessente onder die ouderdom van 18 nie as gevolg van onvoldoende data oor die veiligheid en effektiwiteit.

4.5 Interaksie met ander medisyne en ander vorms van interaksie

Interaksiestudies is slegs by volwassenes uitgevoer.

Farmakokinetiese interaksies

Daar is waargeneem dat melatonin CYP3A *in vitro* induuseer teen supra-terapeutiese konsentrasies. Die kliniese relevansie van hierdie bevinding is onbekend. Indien induksie plaasvind, kan dit lei tot verminderde plasmakonsentrasies van medisyne wat gelyktydig toegedien word.

Melatonin induuseer nie CYP1A-ensieme *in vitro* teen supra-terapeutiese konsentrasies nie. Interaksies tussen melatonin en ander aktiewe stowwe as gevolg van die effek van melatonin se effek op CYP1A-ensieme sal waarskynlik nie betudende wees nie.

Melatonien se metabolisme word hoofsaaklik bemiddel deur CYP1A ensieme. Interaksies tussen melatonien en ander aktiewe stowwe as gevolg van die effek daarvan op CYP1A ensieme is dus moontlik.

Omsigtigheid behoort uitgeoefen te word by pasiënte op fluvoksamien, wat melatonienvlakke verhoog (17-voudige hoër AOC en 'n 12-voudige hoër serum K_{max}) deur die metabolisme daarvan deur hepatese sitochroom P450 (CYP) isoënsieme CYP1A2 en CYP2C19 te inhibeer. Die kombinasie behoort vermy te word.

Omsigtigheid behoort uitgeoefen te word by pasiënte op 5- of 8-metoksipisoralen (5-MOP en 8-MOP), wat melatonienvlakke verhoog deur die metabolisme daarvan te inhibeer.

Omsigtigheid behoort uitgeoefen te word by pasiënte op simelidien, 'n CYP2D-inhibeerder, wat melatonienvlakke verhoog deur die metabolisme daarvan te inhibeer.

Die rook van sigarette mag melatonienvlakke verlaag as gevolg van die induksie van CYP1A2.

Omsigtigheid behoort uitgeoefen te word by pasiënte op oestrogene (bv. kontraseptiewe of hormoonvervangings terapie), wat melatonienvlakke verhoog deur die metabolisme daarvan deur CYP1A1 en CYP1A2 te inhibeer.

CYP1A2 inhibeerders soos kinolone kan lei tot verhoogde melatonien blootstelling.

CYP1A2 induseerders soos karbamasepin en rifampisin kan lei tot verlaagde plasmakonsentrasies van melatonien.

Daar is 'n groot hoeveelheid data in die literatuur beskikbaar rakende die effek van adrenergiese agoniste/antagoniste, opiaatagoniste-/antagoniste, antidepressante, prostaticlindinhibeerders, benzodiazepiene, triptolane en alkohol, op endogene melatonienafskeiding. Of hierdie aktiewe stowwe met die dinamiese of kinetiese effekte van NOCTRIN 2 mg of andersom inmeng, al dan nie, is nie bestudeer nie.

Farmakodinamiese interaksies

NOCTRIN 2 mg is nie saam met NOCTRIN 2 mg geneem te word nie, omdat dit die effektiwiteit van NOCTRIN 2 mg ten opsigte van slaap, verminder.

NOCTRIN 2 mg mag die sedatiewe eienskappe van bensodiasiepine en nie-bensodiasiepien-hipnotika, soos zaleplon, solpidem en sopikloon, versterk. In 'n kliniese proef was daar 'n addisionele bevinding dat melatonienvlakke verhoog word by pasiënte wat melatonien en solpidem een uur na gesamenlike dosering. Gelyktydige toediening het gelei tot verhoogde inkorting van aandag, geheue en koördinasie in vergelyking met solpidem alleen.

NOCTRIN 2 mg is in studies saam met tordiasien en imipramien toegedien. Geen klinies betudende farmakokinetiese interaksies is gevind nie. Die mede-toediening van melatonien het egter gelei tot verhoogde kalmerende gevoelens en probleme om taks uit te voer in vergelyking met imipramien alleen, asook verhoogde gevoelens van duurmaakbaarheid in vergelyking met tordiasien alleen.

4.6 Vrughbaarheid, swangerskap en laktasie

Swangerskap
Veiligheid tydens swangerskap en laktasie is nie vasgestel nie. Daar is geen kliniese data beskikbaar oor gebruik tydens swangerskap nie. Weens die gebrek aan kliniese data, word gebruik by swanger vroue en by vroue wat van plan is om swanger te raak nie aanbeveel nie.

Borsvoeding

Endogene melatonien is in borsmelk geneem, en dus word eksogene melatonien waarskynlik in menslike melk uitgeskei. Daarom word borsvoeding nie aanbeveel by vroue wat met melatonien behandel word nie.

4.7 Uitwerking op die vermoë om te bestuur en masjiene te gebruik

Melatonien kan borsvoeding verminder. Pasiënte moet vermy om masjiene of aktiwiteite (soos bestuur of hantering van masjinerie) te onderneem na die neem van NOCTRIN 2 mg (sien afdeling 4.8).

4.8 Nuwe-effekte

Die volgende nuwe-effekte is in kliniese studies en spontane na-bemerkingsverslae aangemeld. Binne elke frekwensiegroepering word die ongewenste effekte aangebied in volgorde van afnemende erns.

a. Getabuleerde opsomming van nuwe-effekte

Sisteem-orgaanklas	Frekwensie	Ongewenste effek
Infeksies en infestaties	<i>Minder gereeld</i>	Herpes zoster
Bloed- en limfatiese sisteemversteurings	<i>Minder gereeld</i>	Leukopenie Trombositopenie
Immuunstelselversteurings	<i>Frekwensie onbekend</i>	Hipersensitieweitsreaksie
Metabolisme- en voedingsversteurings	<i>Minder gereeld</i>	Hipertiglisieriedemie Hypoalkalsemie Hiponatremie
Psigiatriese versteurings	<i>Minder gereeld</i>	Prikkelbaarheid Anksietasie Rusteloosheid Slaapproeheid Abnormale drome Nagmerries Angs Veranderde gemoedstemming Aggressie Agitasie Huil Spanningsimptome Disorientasie Vroeë oggend ontwakking Blaasvorming van mondslymvlies Terneergedrukteid Depressie
Senusisteemversteurings	<i>Minder gereeld</i>	Migraine Hoofpyn Lusteloosheid Psigomotor hiperaktiwiteit Aritris Lomerigheid Sinkoep Inkorting van geheue Abnormale versleutings Dromerige staat Rustelose bene Swak kwaliteit van slaap Parestesie
Oogversteurings	<i>Minder gereeld</i>	Verminderde gesigskerppte Dowwe visie Verhoogde lakrimasie
Oor- en doolhofversteurings	<i>Minder gereeld</i>	Positionele vertigo Vertigo
Kardiale versteurings	<i>Minder gereeld</i>	Angina pectoris Palpitasies
Vaskulêre versteurings	<i>Minder gereeld</i>	Hipertensie Warm gloede
Gastroïntestinale versteurings	<i>Minder gereeld</i>	Abdominale pyn (boonste) Abnormale ongemak Gastritis Dispepsie Mondulserasie Naarheid Konstipasie Droë mond Gastroïntestinale ontsteltiens Gastro-oesofageale refluks Blaasvorming van mondslymvlies Tong ulserasie Braking Abnormale dermgloede Pyn Speeksel hipersekresie Halitose
Hepato-biliêre versteurings	<i>Minder gereeld</i>	Hiperbilirubinemie
Vel- en onderhuidse weefselversteurings</		