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Drug NDC: 00009-0010-38
Drug Name: HALCION 0.125 MG TABS

What is this medicine?

TRIAZOLAM (trye AY zoe lam) is a benzodiazepine. It is used to treat insomnia. This medicine helps you to sleep. It is only for short-term use, and should generally be used for no more than 2 to 3 weeks.

This medicine may be used for other purposes; ask your health care provider or pharmacist if you have questions.

How should I use this medicine?

Take this medicine by mouth with a glass of water. It is only for use at bedtime. Follow the directions on the prescription label. Do not take your medicine more often than directed. If you have been taking this medicine regularly for some time, do not suddenly stop taking it. You must gradually reduce the dose or you may get severe side effects. Ask your doctor or health care professional for advice. Even after you stop taking this medicine it can still affect your body for several days. A special MedGuide will be given to you by the pharmacist with each prescription and refill. Be sure to read this information carefully each time. Talk to your pediatrician regarding the use of this medicine in children. Special care may be needed.

Overdosage: If you think you have taken too much of this medicine contact a poison control center or emergency room at once. NOTE: This medicine is only for you. Do not share this medicine with others.

Where should I keep my medicine?

Keep out of the reach of children. This medicine can be abused. Keep your medicine in a safe place to protect it from theft. Do not share this medicine with anyone. Selling or giving away this medicine is dangerous and against the law. This medicine may cause accidental overdose and death if taken by other adults, children, or pets. Mix any unused medicine with a substance like cat litter or coffee grounds. Then throw the medicine away in a sealed container like a sealed bag or a coffee can with a lid. Do not use the medicine after the expiration date. Store at room temperature between 20 and 25 degrees C (59 and 86 degrees F).

NOTE: This sheet is a summary. It may not cover all possible information. If you have questions about this medicine, talk to your doctor, pharmacist, or health care provider.

What should I tell my health care provider before I take this medicine?

They need to know if you have any of these conditions: an alcohol or drug abuse problem, bipolar disorder, depression, psychosis or other mental health condition, kidney or liver disease, lung or breathing disease, suicidal thoughts, an unusual or allergic reaction to triazolam, other benzodiazepines, foods, dyes, or preservatives, pregnant or trying to get pregnant, breast-feeding

What if I miss a dose?

If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you can. If it is almost time for your next dose, take only that dose. Do not take double or extra doses.

What should I watch for while using this medicine?

Tell your doctor or health care professional if your symptoms do not start to get better or if they get worse. Do not stop taking except on your doctor's advice. You may develop a severe reaction. Your doctor will tell you how much medicine to take. You may get drowsy or dizzy. Do not drive, use machinery, or do anything that needs mental alertness until you know how this medicine affects you. Do not stand or sit up quickly, especially if you are an older patient. This reduces the risk of dizzy or fainting spells. Alcohol may interfere with the effect of this medicine. Avoid alcoholic drinks. If you are taking another medicine that also causes drowsiness, you may have more side effects. Give your health care provider a list of all medicines you use. Your doctor will tell you how much medicine to take. Do not take more medicine than directed. Call emergency for help if you have problems breathing or unusual sleepiness. After taking this medicine for sleep, you may get up out of bed while not being fully awake and do an activity that you do not know you are doing. The next morning, you may have no memory of the event. Activities such as driving a car ("sleep-driving"), making and eating food, talking on the phone, sexual activity, and sleep-walking have been reported. Call your doctor right away if you find out you have done any of these activities. Do not take this medicine if you have used alcohol that evening or before bed or taken another medicine for sleep since your risk of doing these sleep-related activities will be increased. Do not take this medicine unless you are able to stay in bed for a full night (7 to 8 hour) before you must be active again. You may have a decrease in mental alertness the day after use, even if you feel that you are fully awake. Tell your doctor if you will need to perform activities requiring full alertness, such as driving, the next day. Do not stand or sit up quickly after taking this medicine, especially if you are an older patient. This reduces the risk of dizzy or fainting spells. If you or your family notice any changes in your behavior, such as new or worsening depression, thoughts of harming yourself, anxiety, other unusual or disturbing thoughts, or memory loss, call your doctor right away. After you stop taking this medicine, you may have trouble falling asleep. This is called rebound insomnia. This problem usually goes away on its own after 1 or 2 nights. Women should inform their doctor if they wish to become pregnant or think they might be pregnant. There is a potential for serious side effects to an unborn child. Talk to your health care professional or pharmacist for more information.

What side effects may I notice from receiving this medicine?

Side effects that you should report to your doctor or health care professional as soon as possible: allergic reactions like skin rash, itching or hives, swelling of the face, lips, or tongue; breathing problems; confusion; loss of balance or coordination; signs and symptoms of low blood pressure like dizziness; feeling faint or lightheaded, falls; unusually weak or tired; suicidal thoughts or other mood changes; unusual activities while asleep like driving, eating, making phone calls; Side effects that usually do not require medical attention (report to your doctor or health care professional if they continue or are bothersome): dizziness; headache; nausea, vomiting; tiredness

This list may not describe all possible side effects. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

What may interact with this medicine?

Do not take this medicine with any of the following medications: boceprevir; certain antiviral medicines for HIV or AIDS; certain medicines for fungal infections like ketoconazole and itraconazole; narcotic medicines for cough; nefazodone; sodium oxybate; telaprevir. This medicine may also interact with the following medications: alcohol; antihistamines for allergy, cough and cold; certain antibiotics like clarithromycin, erythromycin, isoniazid; certain medicines for anxiety or sleep; certain medicines for blood pressure, heart disease, irregular heartbeat; certain medicines for depression, like amitriptyline, fluoxetine, sertraline; certain medicines for seizures like phenobarbital, phenytoin, primidone; certain medicines for stomach problems like cimetidine and ranitidine; female hormones, like estrogens or progestins and birth control pills, patches, rings, or injections; general anesthetics like lidocaine, pramoxine, tetracaine; grapefruit juice; medicines that relax muscles for surgery; narcotic medicines for pain; phenothiazines like chlorpromazine, mesoridazine, prochlorperazine, thioridazine

This list may not describe all possible interactions. Give your health care provider a list of all the medicines, herbs, non-prescription drugs, or dietary supplements you use. Also tell them if you smoke, drink alcohol, or use illegal drugs. Some items may interact with your medicine.