

CANDESARTAN

**Other names**

Amias

Drug category

Angiotensin receptor blocker

Uses

Candesartan is used for migraines, and high blood pressure.

Available forms

Tablet

Some potential side-effects (inform your doctor if you think you have a serious side-effect)

Dizziness and low blood pressure, nausea, low sodium, high potassium, low white blood cell count

Rare: Throat/chest infections

Not to be used if:

Cholestasis (bile duct obstruction)

Kidney failure (unless dose reduced)

Contraception, pregnancy and breastfeeding

Avoid in pregnancy (may affect fetal BP and cause defects) and breastfeeding

Interactions with other drugs

Avoid aliskiren. Increases lithium concentration.

Monitoring

Check renal function, potassium

How to use it

Day	Morning dose	Evening dose	(Other drugs)
Start date	Nil	4mg	
1 weeks later	4mg	4mg	
2 weeks later	4mg	8mg	
3 weeks later	8mg	8mg	
After 3 weeks	Continue same dose	Continue same dose	

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