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(For full details see summary of product characteristics) Presentations. Prolonged-release tablets containing 50mg, 200mg, 300mg, and 400mg of quetiapine (as quetiapine furnarate). Uses: Treatment of schizophrenia and is effective in preventing relapse in stable schizophrenic patients who have been maintained on Seroquel XR. Dosage and Administration. Tablets should be administered once daily, without food (at least one hour before a meal) and should be swallowed whole. Adults: The daily dose at the start of therapy is 300mg on Day 1 and 600mg on Day 2 and up to 800mg after Day 2. The dose should be adjusted within the effective dose range of 400mg to 800mg per day depending on clinical response and tolerability. Recommended daily dose is 600mg daily. For maintenance therapy no dosage adjustment is necessary. Elderly: Rate of dose titration may need to be slower and daily therapeutic dose lower than in younger patients. Patients should be started on 50mg/day and can be increased in increments of 50mg/day to an effective dose. Children's Adolescents: Not evaluated. Renal Impairment. No dose adjustment required. Hepatic Impairment: Use with caution. Patients should be started on 50mg/day and can be increased in increments of 50mg/day to an effective dose. Contraindications: Hyperensistivity to quetiapine furnarate or excipients. Concomitant administration of cytochrome P450 3A4 inhibitors, such as 1HV-protease inhibitors, azole-antifungal agents, erythromycin, darithromycin and nefazodone. Precautions and warnings: Known cardiovascular disease (consider slower titration), cerebrovascular disease, or other conditions predisposing to hypotension. Possible initial orthostatic hypotension during the dose titration period. Caution is recommended in patients with a history of seizures. If signs and symptoms of tardive dyskinesia appear dose reduction or discontinuation should be considered. In the event of neuroleptic malignant syndrome discontinue treatment and appropriate medical treatment given. Hyperglycaemia or ex

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