

## **Patient Information Sheet**

# Darifenacin hydrobromide (marketed as Enablex®)

This is a summary of the most important information about Enablex. For details, talk to your health care professional.

#### What is Enablex?

Enablex is a prescription medicine used in adults to treat the following symptoms due to a condition called overactive bladder:

- having a strong need to go to the bathroom right away, also called "urgency"
- leaking or wetting accidents, also called "urinary incontinence"
- having to go to the bathroom too often, also called "urinary frequency"

Enablex has not been studied in children.

#### Who Should Not Use Enablex?

Do not take Enablex if you:

- are not able to empty your bladder (also called "urinary retention")
- have delayed or slow emptying of your stomach (also called "gastric retention")
- have an eye problem called "uncontrolled narrow-angle glaucoma"
- are allergic to Enablex or any of its ingredients.

#### What are The Risks?

*The most common side effects* of Enablex are dry mouth and constipation.

Other less common side effects include:

- Blurred vision. Use caution while driving or doing dangerous activities until you know how Enablex affects you.
- Heat prostration due to decreased sweating can occur when drugs such as Enablex are used in a hot environment.

## What Should I Tell My Health Care Professional?

**Before you start using Enablex**, tell your health care professional if you:

- have any stomach or intestinal problems, or problems with constipation
- have trouble emptying your bladder or you have a weak urine stream
- have an eye problem called narrow angle glaucoma,
- have liver problems
- are pregnant or trying to become pregnant, or are breastfeeding

### Are There Any Interactions With Drugs or Foods?

Enablex can interact with certain other medicines. Know the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Keep a list of them to show your healthcare professional.

Your healthcare professional may have to adjust your dose or watch you more closely if you take the following medicines:

- ketoconazole (Nizoral®) or itraconazole (Sporonox®), antifungal medicines
- clarithromycin (Biaxin®), an antibiotic medicine
- ritonivir or nelfinavir (Viracept®), antiviral medicines
- nefazadone (Serzone®), a depression medicine
- flecainide (Tambocor.), an abnormal heartbeat (antiarrhythmia) medicine
- thioridazine (Mellaril®), a mental disorder (antipsychotic) medicine
- a medicine called a tricyclic antidepressant

#### **How Do I Take Enablex?**

- Take Enablex exactly as prescribed. Your doctor may prescribe the lowest dose if you have certain medical conditions such as liver problems.
- You should take Enablex once a day with liquid.
- Enablex should be swallowed whole and not chewed, divided or crushed.
- Enablex may be taken with or without food.

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