

EZZICAD 10mg Tablets

Ezetimibe Tablets 10mg

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What EZZICAD is used for

EZZICAD is a tablet that contains 10mg of ezetimibe as the active ingredient.

- EZZICAD is a cholesterol-lowering medicine.
- EZZICAD is for patients whose cholesterol levels are too high and when diet alone cannot lower these levels adequately.
- EZZICAD reduces elevated total-cholesterol, LDL (bad) cholesterol and triglycerides and increases HDL (good) cholesterol.
- EZZICAD may be taken with other cholesterol-lowering medicines known as statins or alone, in addition to diet.
- EZZICAD may be taken with fenofibrate, another cholesterol-lowering medicine, in addition to diet.

How EZZICAD works

EZZICAD works by decreasing the absorption of cholesterol in the small intestine. Statins and fenofibrate lower cholesterol in a different way, they work in the liver.

EZZICAD adds to the cholesterol-lowering effect of statins and fenofibrate.

Before you use EZZICAD

- When you must not use it

Patients who are hypersensitive (allergic) to Ezetimibe or any of its ingredients should not take EZZICAD.

Pregnancy and lactation

If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, EZZICAD may not be right for you.

If you are breast-feeding, EZZICAD may be passed in your milk to your baby.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

- Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor about any medical problems (including liver disease or liver problems) or allergies you have now or have had in the past before you start EZZICAD.

- Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, if you have taken any recently, or if you start taking new ones. This includes medicines you bought without prescription. Some medicines may change the way that EZZICAD works.

In particular, tell your doctor if you are taking medicine(s) with any of the following active ingredients:

- Cyclosporin (often used in organ transplant patients)
- Medicines with an active ingredient to prevent blood clots, such as warfarin or fluindione (anticoagulants)
- Cholestyramine (also used to lower cholesterol), because it affects the way EZZICAD works
- Fibrates (also used to lower cholesterol)

How to use EZZICAD

- How much to use

Take one 10mg tablet by mouth each day, at any time of day.

- When to use it

Take EZZICAD with or without food.

Your doctor may let you take EZZICAD along with other medicines, known as statins, or with another medicine known as fenofibrate, to help you better control your cholesterol. If you are taking a statin or fenofibrate, EZZICAD can be taken at the same time as the other medicine.

If your doctor has prescribed EZZICAD along with cholestyramine (a bile acid sequestrant) or any other bile acid sequestrant, EZZICAD should be taken at least 2 hours before or 4 hours after taking the bile acid sequestrant.

Always use EZZICAD exactly as your doctor has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

- How long to use it

Continue taking your cholesterol-lowering medicines unless your doctor tells you to stop.

- If you forget to use it

Try to take EZZICAD as prescribed. However, if you miss a dose, just resume the usual schedule of one tablet daily.

If you are not sure what to do, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

- If you use too much (overdose)

Take EZZICAD only as prescribed for you. If you take more EZZICAD than you were prescribed, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

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While you are using it

- Things you must do

EZZICAD should be taken as directed by your health care provider.

Tell your doctor about any other medicines that you are taking or plan to take, including those you can get without a prescription. Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while taking this medication.

- Things you must not do

Do not give EZZICAD to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

- Things to be careful of

There have been side effects reported with Ezetimibe that may affect your ability to drive or operate machinery. Individual responses to EZZICAD may vary.

Side effects

Like all medicines, EZZICAD can cause side effects, although not everyone gets them.

Ezetimibe was generally well tolerated.

When used alone, the following side effects were reported:

Common: abdominal pain, diarrhea: flatulence: feeling tired.

Uncommon: elevations in some laboratory blood tests of liver (transaminases) or muscle (CK) function: cough: indigestion: heartburn: nausea: joint pain: muscle spasms: neck pain: decreased appetite, pain, chest pain, hot flush, high blood pressure.

When used with a statin, the following side effects were reported:

Common: elevations in some laboratory blood tests of liver function (transaminases): headaches: muscle pain, tenderness or weakness.

Uncommon: tingling sensation; dry mouth; itching; rash; hives; back pain; pain in arms and legs; unusual tiredness or weakness; swelling, especially in the hands and feet.

When used with fenofibrate, the following side effect was reported:

Common: abdominal pain.

Additionally, the following side effects have been reported in general use: allergic reactions (which may require treatment right away) including swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and/or throat that may cause difficulty in breathing or swallowing, rash, and hives: raised red rash, sometimes with target-shaped lesions; muscle aches; unusual tiredness or weakness; alterations in some laboratory blood tests; liver problems; inflammation of the pancreas constipation; dizziness; tingling sensation; depression; gallstones; and inflammation of the gallbladder.

Contact your doctor promptly if you experience unexplained muscle pain, tenderness, or weakness while taking EZZICAD.

This is because on rare occasions, muscle problems can be serious, including muscle breakdown resulting in kidney damage.

Talk to your doctor anytime you have a medical problem you think may be related to EZZICAD.

If you are prescribed EZZICAD with a statin, your healthcare professional may want to conduct routine blood tests to check your liver function before and after starting treatment.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by visiting the website npra.gov.my [Consumers → Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)]

Storage and Disposal of EZZICAD

- Storage

Store below 30°C

- Disposal

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

Product Description

- What it looks like

White to off-white, capsule shaped, flat, beveled edges uncoated tablets engraved with Glenmark logo 'G' on one side and '44' on the other side.

- Ingredients

- Active ingredient
Ezetimibe
- Inactive ingredients
Lactose Monohydrate, Sodium Lauryl Sulphate, Croscarmellose Sodium, Povidone K-30, Croscarmellose Sodium and Magnesium Stearate

- MAL number:

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Manufacturer

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