

BEZAMIDIN TABLET

Bezafibrate (200mg)

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What is Bezamidin Tablet used for

Bezamidin Tablet, combined with changes in diet and lifestyle, is used to treat different types of high cholesterol conditions. It is also used to treat high cholesterol levels associated to other diseases, like diabetes, when treating the main health problem alone isn't enough to control the cholesterol levels effectively.

How Bezamidin Tablet works

Bezamidin Tablet contains active ingredient bezafibrate, which is in fibrate class of lipid-lowering medications. It works by improving the overall lipid profile and reduces cardiovascular disease risk.

Before you use Bezamidin Tablet

- When you must not use it

Do not take Bezamidin Tablet if you:

- are allergic (hypersensitive) to bezafibrate or any other ingredients of this medicine (listed in Product Description)
- have liver disease (except fatty liver, which is common in hypertriglyceridemia patients).
- have gall bladder issues
- have severe kidney problems

Pregnancy and lactation

Please consult your doctor or pharmacist if you are pregnant, planning for pregnancy or breast-feeding before using any medicine.

Do not take Bezamidin Tablet if you are pregnant and breastfeeding, as it may

potentially cause harm to your baby. If you could get pregnant while receiving Bezamidin Tablet, a reliable form of contraception should always be used.

- Before you start to use it
- Tell your doctor if you have :
 - low albumin levels (like in nephrotic syndrome)
 - kidney problems or on dialysis
 - risk of muscle weakness or other muscle-related issues
 - Diabetes
 - sensitive stomach

- Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you buy without a prescription from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking :

- coumarin-type (blood thinning medications)
- sulphonylureas or insulin (antidiabetic medications)
- HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors (statins group, used to treat high cholesterol in blood)
- contraceptives or any estrogen-containing medications

Cholestyramine (used to treat high cholesterol) impairs absorption of bezafibrate. If used together, these medications should be taken at least 2 hours apart.

How to use Bezamidin Tablet

- How much to use

Take 1 tablet three times a day

If your response to the treatment is good, your doctor might lower the dose to one tablet twice daily.

Special consideration:

- If your stomach is sensitive to medications, the dose need to start low and gradually increased to the maintenance level.

- If you have kidney problems, your doctor will adjust the dose based on your serum creatinine levels
- If you are on dialysis, the dose is one tablet every three days.
- Use in children : Not recommended, since no dosage recommendations provided.

- When to use it

Swallow the tablets whole with water, with or after food.

- How long to use it

Take Bezamidin Tablet for the duration that the doctor recommends.

Doctor may stop the therapy if adequate response is not obtained within 3 to 4 months.

- If you forget to use it

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to take the medicine and skip the missed dose. Do not take a double dose to make up for the missed dose..

- If you use too much (overdosage)

Contact your doctor immediately or go to the Emergency Department of your nearest hospital, if you or anyone else may have use too much of this medicine. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.

Taking too many tablets may result in increased side effects.

While you are using it

- Things you must do

Use your medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are using Bezamidin Tablet.

Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while using this medication.

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Take Bezamidin Tablet only with a doctor's prescription.

Bezamidin Tablet should be used along with lifestyle modifications like dietary changes, exercise, weight loss and controlling other conditions (like diabetes or gout).

- Things you must not do

Do not stop using the medicine unless advised by your doctor.

Do not use any new medicines without consulting your doctor or pharmacist.

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

- Things to be careful of

Use of bezafibrate may be associated with gallstones, so if you experience symptoms such as pain in upper abdomen, nausea, or vomiting, your doctor might run tests.

Driving and using machines

Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how Bezamidin Tablet affects you

Side effects

Like all medicines, Bezamidin Tablet can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Visit your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you experience any side effects after using this medicine.

Bezafibrate is generally well tolerated. The most common side effects are temporary gastrointestinal issues like loss of appetite, nausea, flatulence, and abdominal discomfort.

Other side effects that have been reported are :

- skin reactions such as itching and hives
- hypersensitivity reactions
- muscular pain, cramps, and weakness
- gallstones (rare)
- headache (very rare)
- dizziness (very rare)

- hair loss (very rare)
- infertility (very rare)

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 Bezamidin Tablet

- Storage

Store in a cool dry place below 30°C. Protect from light.

- Disposal

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

Product Description

- What it looks like

A white to off-white, round, shallow biconvex, film coated tablet.

- Ingredients

- Active ingredient
Bezafibrate

- Inactive ingredients

Sodium starch glycolate, Corn starch, Polyethylene glycol, Talc, Titanium dioxide, Povidone, Magnesium stearate, Croscarmellose sodium, Hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose, Microcrystalline cellulose, Lactose, Propylene glycol,

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