

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET

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PAPO-GLICLAZIDE

Gliclazide Tablets BP

Full prescribing information is available to the physician and pharmacist.

APO-GLICLAZIDE is available only with your physician's prescription. It belongs to the family of hypoglycemic (antidiabetic) medicines which are taken by mouth to help reduce the amount of sugar in the blood. It is to be used as an adjunct to a medically recommended and carefully supervised diet and regimen of exercise compatible with your state of health.

Before you begin treatment with this medicine, you and your doctor should talk about the good the medicine will do as well as the risks of using it. You should also find out about other possible ways to control your diabetes such as by diet alone or by diet plus insulin.

Use only as specifically directed. Do not alter the dosage unless ordered to do so by your physician. Your physician may want you to carry an identification card or wear a bracelet or necklace stating that you are using this medicine.

Before using this medicine

- To decide on the best treatment for your medical problem, your physician should be told if:
- You have already taken APO-GLICLAZIDE or any other antidiabetic medicine and if you have developed an allergy or any intolerance to it or to sulfonamide (sulfa) medications, including thiazide diuretics.
- You suffer from any other conditions, in particular kidney or liver disease.
- You are pregnant or intend to become pregnant or are breast feeding or intend to breast feed
- You are taking any other medication with or without a prescription.

Proper use of this medicine

- Follow carefully the special meal plan your physician gave you. This is the most important part of controlling your condition and is necessary if the medicine is to work properly.
- Take APO-GLICLAZIDE with a meal as directed by your physician. Do not take more nor less of it than your doctor ordered, and take it at the same time each day. If you miss a dose of this medicine, take it as soon as possible. However, if it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular dosing schedule. Do not double doses.
- APO-GLICLAZIDE is contraindicated (must not be taken) during pregnancy.
- The safety of APO-GLICLAZIDE in adolescents and children has not been established.
- APO-GLICLAZIDE is prescribed for your specific medical problem and for your own use only. Do not give it to other people.
- Keep all medicines out of reach of children.

Precautions while using this medicine

- Your physician should check your progress at regular visits, especially during the first few weeks that you take this medicine. Please keep your appointments.
- Test for sugar in your blood or urine as directed by physician. This is a convenient way to make sure your diabetes is being controlled and provides an early warning when it is not.
- Do not take any other medicine, unless prescribed or approved by your doctor. If you require medical assistance, inform the medical practitioner that you are taking APO-GLICLAZIDE.
- Avoid drinking alcoholic beverages until you have discussed their use with your doctor. Some patients who use alcohol while taking this medicine may suffer stomach pains, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, pounding headache, sweating, or flushing (redness of face and skin). In addition, alcohol may produce a drop in blood sugar (hypoglycemia).
- Inform your physician about any illness which may develop during your treatment with APO-GLICLAZIDE and about any new prescribed or non-prescribed medication you may be taking.

Side effects of this medicine

- Along with their needed effects, oral antidiabetes medicines may cause some unwanted effects.

The more frequently reported side effects during clinical trials with APO-GLICLAZIDE were hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) and indigestion or stomach upsets.

- You should know that the usual signs of low blood sugar level (hypoglycemia) are:

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| • Anxious feeling | • drowsiness | • chills | • cold sweats |
| • confusion | • cool pale skin | • difficulty in concentration | • excessive hunger |
| • fast heartbeat | • headache | • nausea | • nervousness |
| • shakiness | • unsteady walk | • unusual tiredness or weakness | |

- If you recognize some of these signs of the drop in blood sugar, immediately eat or drink something containing sugar and notify your doctor without delay. Good sources of sugar are: Orange juice, corn syrup, honey, or sugar cubes or table sugar (dissolved in water).
- Rarely allergic reactions may occur, if you suspect these consult your doctor.
- Additional information on APO-GLICLAZIDE may be obtained from your physician or pharmacist.



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