



ASK YOUR PHARMACIST THIS

What drug class does this medication belong to?

Medication Class Overview

Medications are grouped into drug classes based on how they work in the body, their chemical structure, or the conditions they treat. Knowing your medication's drug class can help you understand why it was prescribed and what to expect from treatment.

- **Drug Class:** A group of medications that work in a similar way or share similar characteristics.

Why Is This Question Important?

- ✓ Helps you understand how the medication works in the body.
- ✓ Allows you to recognize similar medications that may be used for the same condition.
- ✓ Helps you understand why certain side effects may occur.
- ✓ Makes it easier to understand treatment options if your medication is changed in the future.
- ✓ Improves your overall knowledge of your health condition and treatment plan.

What You May Learn

- Drug class
- How the medication works
- Other medications in the same class
- Common uses of the drug class
- Benefits associated with the drug class
- Common side effects associated with the drug class

Example

 **Medication:** Ozempic
 **Drug Class:** GLP-1 Receptor Agonist

Key Takeaway

Understanding your medication's drug class can help you better understand how it works, what to expect from treatment, and what other medications may be available within the same therapeutic category.