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Patient Education for

BACLOFEN 20 MG TABLET



Call doctor if no improvement in condition May take months for full benefit of therapy Geriatric patients prone to CNS side effects Physician must know patient's complete medical history Avoid taking with other CNS depressant drugs or alcohol May cause drowsiness or dizziness Use caution driving. Check with doctor before increasing dose or frequency. Discuss gradual dose reduction with MD before stopping medication

Call doctor if you are not getting better May take months for full benefit of therapy Seniors more prone to side effects Tell doctor your complete medical history Avoid alcohol/other drugs that make you sleepy May make you drowsy or dizzy. Drive with caution Call Dr before increasing dose or frequency. MD may need to reduce the dose before you stop it.

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IMPORTANT:

HOW TO USE THIS INFORMATION: This is a summary and

does NOT have all possible information about this product. This information does not assure that this product is safe, effective, or appropriate for you. This information is not individual medical advice and does not substitute for the advice of your health care professional. Always ask your health care professional for complete information about this product and your specific health needs.

BACLOFEN - ORAL

(BAK-loe-fen)

COMMON BRAND NAME(S):

Fleqsuvy, Lioresal, Lyvispah, Ozobax

USES:

Baclofen is used to treat muscle spasms caused by certain

conditions (such as multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injury/disease). It works by helping to relax the muscles.

HOW TO USE:

Read the Patient Information Leaflet if available

from your pharmacist before you start taking baclofen and each time you get a refill. If you have any questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Take this medication by mouth with or without food as directed by your doctor, usually 3 times a day. To reduce your risk of side effects, your doctor may direct you to start this medication at a low dose and gradually increase your dose. Follow your doctor's instructions carefully.

If you are using the liquid form of this medication, carefully measure the dose using a special measuring device/spoon. Do not use a household spoon because you may not get the correct dose. If your liquid form is a suspension, shake the bottle well before each dose.

If you are taking the granules form of this medication, gently shake the packet before use. Open the packet and empty the entire contents of the packet into your mouth and swallow. You may drink water after swallowing the granules if needed. You may also mix

the contents of each packet with 1 tablespoonful (15 milliliters) of soft food or liquid (such as yogurt, applesauce, pudding, milk, or apple juice). After mixing, take all of the mixture within 2 hours. If you are using more than 1 packet, mix each packet in a separate amount of soft food or liquid.

The dosage is based on your medical condition and response to treatment. Do not increase your dose or take it more often than prescribed.

Use this medication regularly to get the most benefit from it. To help you remember, take it at the same times each day. Do not stop taking this medication without consulting your doctor. Some conditions may become worse when this drug is suddenly stopped. If you suddenly stop using this medication, you may also have withdrawal symptoms (such as hallucinations and seizures). To help prevent withdrawal, your doctor may lower your dose slowly. Withdrawal is more likely if you have used baclofen for a long time or in high doses. Tell your doctor or pharmacist right away if you have withdrawal.

Tell your doctor if your condition does not get better or if it gets worse.

SIDE EFFECTS:

Drowsiness, dizziness, weakness, tiredness,

headache, trouble sleeping, nausea, increased urination, or constipation may occur. If any of these effects last or get worse, tell your doctor or pharmacist promptly.

Remember that this medication has been prescribed because your doctor has judged that the benefit to you is greater than the risk of side effects. Many people using this medication do not have serious side effects.

Tell your doctor right away if you have any serious side effects, including: mental/mood changes (such as confusion, depression, hallucinations).

A very serious allergic reaction to this drug is rare. However, get medical help right away if you notice any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, including: rash, itching/swelling (especially of the face/tongue/throat), severe dizziness, trouble breathing.

This is not a complete list of possible side effects. If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor or

pharmacist.

In the US -

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or at www.fda.gov/medwatch.

In Canada - Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to Health Canada at 1-866-234-2345.

PRECAUTIONS:

Before taking baclofen, tell your doctor or

pharmacist if you are allergic to it; or if you have any other allergies. This product may contain inactive ingredients, which can cause allergic reactions or other problems. Talk to your pharmacist for more details.

Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist your medical history, especially of: kidney disease, mental/mood disorders (such as schizophrenia), brain disorders (such as seizures, stroke).

This drug may make you dizzy or drowsy. Alcohol or marijuana (cannabis) can make you more dizzy or drowsy. Do not drive, use machinery, or do anything that needs alertness until you can do it safely. Avoid alcoholic beverages. Talk to your doctor if you are using marijuana (cannabis).

Before having surgery, tell your doctor or dentist about all the products you use (including prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and herbal products).

Older adults may be more sensitive to the side effects of this drug, especially drowsiness and mental/mood changes (such as confusion).

During pregnancy, this medication should be used only when clearly needed. Discuss the risks and benefits with your doctor. Babies born to mothers who have used this drug during pregnancy may rarely develop withdrawal symptoms such as tremor or seizures. If you notice any of these symptoms in your newborn, tell the doctor right away.

This drug passes into breast milk. Consult your doctor before breast-feeding.

DRUG INTERACTIONS:

Drug interactions may change how your

medications work or increase your risk for serious side effects.

This document does not contain all possible drug interactions.

Keep a list of all the products you use (including prescription/nonprescription drugs and herbal products) and share it with your doctor and pharmacist. Do not start, stop, or change the dosage of any medicines without your doctor's approval.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking other products that cause drowsiness such as opioid pain or cough relievers (such as codeine, hydrocodone), alcohol, marijuana (cannabis), drugs for sleep or anxiety (such as alprazolam, lorazepam, zolpidem), other muscle relaxants (such as carisoprodol, cyclobenzaprine), or antihistamines (such as cetirizine, diphenhydramine).

Check the labels on all your medicines (such as allergy or cough-and-cold products) because they may contain ingredients that cause drowsiness. Ask your pharmacist about using those

products safely.

OVERDOSE:

If someone has overdosed and has serious symptoms such

as passing out or trouble breathing, call 911. Otherwise, call a poison control center right away. US residents can call their local poison control center at 1-800-222-1222. Canada residents can call a provincial poison control center. Symptoms of overdose may include: vomiting, severe drowsiness, slow/shallow breathing, seizures.

NOTES:

Do not share this medication with others.

This medication has been prescribed for your current condition only. Do not use it later for another condition unless your doctor directs you to do so. A different medication may be necessary in that case.

MISSED DOSE:

If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you

remember. If it is near the time of the next dose, skip the missed dose. Take your next dose at the regular time. Do not double the dose to catch up.

STORAGE:

Store the tablet and granules form of this medication

at room temperature away from light and moisture. Do not store in the bathroom. Keep all medications away from children and pets.

If you are using the liquid form of this medication, first check if your liquid is a suspension or not. If your liquid is a suspension, store the bottle at room temperature and discard any unused portion after 2 months. If your liquid form is not a suspension, store the medication in the refrigerator in a tightly closed container away from light. Ask your pharmacist if you have any questions about your dosage form.

Do not flush medications down the toilet or pour them into a drain unless instructed to do so. Properly discard this product when it is expired or no longer needed. Consult your pharmacist or local waste disposal company.

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