# Information For the User Baclofen (10mg) Bacloable 10 Tablet

### Baclofen (10 mg) Tablet: Product Information

**Brand Name**: Baclofen 10 mg Tablet **Generic Name**: Baclofen **Strength**: 10 mg per tablet **Dosage Form**: Oral Tablet

### Indications:

Baclofen 10 mg tablet is a **muscle relaxant** that is used to treat conditions involving **muscle spasticity** and related symptoms. It is indicated for:

- 1. Muscle Spasticity:
  - Treatment of spasticity caused by neurological conditions such as multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injuries, spinal diseases, and cerebral palsy.
  - Baclofen helps relieve muscle stiffness and reduces the frequency and intensity of muscle spasms.
- 2. Neurological Disorders:
  - Used to manage muscle spasms and associated pain in spinal cord injuries, stroke, and cerebral palsy.
- 3. Relief of Muscle Stiffness:
  - It helps with the relaxation of muscle tone, improving mobility and reducing discomfort caused by conditions that cause muscle spasms.

# **Dosage and Administration:**

#### Adults:

- Starting Dose: The usual initial dose is 5 mg, taken 3 times a day. The dose can be gradually increased depending on tolerance.
- **dose** is typically **80 mg** in divided doses, but this may vary based on individual circumstances.
- **Dose Titration**: The dose may be increased in increments of **5 mg to 10 mg** every **3-7 days**, as tolerated, to minimize side effects.

### Pediatric Use:

- Baclofen is sometimes used in children for **spasticity**. The starting dose for children is usually around **0.3 mg/kg/day**, which is divided into smaller doses.
- The dose may be increased gradually based on the child's response to treatment.

### Administration:

- Take Baclofen 10 mg tablet with or without food, as directed by your healthcare provider.
- Swallow the tablet **whole** with a glass of water.
- Do not stop taking Baclofen suddenly or adjust the dose without consulting your healthcare provider, as this may lead to withdrawal symptoms or a worsening of muscle spasticity.

## **Mechanism of Action:**

Baclofen is a **GABA-B receptor agonist** that primarily acts on the **central nervous system**(**CNS**). It works by binding to **GABA-B receptors** in the **spinal cord**, which inhibits the release of **excitatory neurotransmitters**, resulting in **reduced muscle spasticity** and **muscle relaxation**. By dampening nerve activity, Baclofen helps to reduce involuntary muscle contractions.

# **Contraindications:**

Baclofen should not be used in the following conditions:

- **Hypersensitivity** (allergic reactions) to Baclofen or any of its components.
- Severe renal impairment or kidney dysfunction, as Baclofen is primarily excreted through the kidneys.
- Active peptic ulcer disease or history of significant gastrointestinal bleeding.

Warnings and Precautions:

- CNS Depression: Baclofen can cause drowsiness, dizziness, and sedation, especially at higher doses. Use caution when engaging in activities that require full alertness, such as driving or operating machinery.
- Withdrawal Symptoms: Abrupt discontinuation or rapid dose reduction of Baclofen can lead to withdrawal symptoms such as seizures, hallucinations, delirium, and increased spasticity. Tapering the dose gradually is essential when discontinuing treatment.
- **Hypotension**: Baclofen may cause a decrease in **blood pressure**, especially in older patients or those taking blood pressure medications.
- Liver Disease: Use Baclofen with caution in patients with liver conditions, as the drug may be metabolized differently in these patients.

## Side Effects:

#### Common side effects:

- **Drowsiness**, dizziness, or fatigue.
- Weakness or muscle fatigue.
- Nausea or upset stomach.
- Headache or lightheadedness.
- Sleep disturbances (e.g., insomnia).

### Serious but rare side effects:

- Severe CNS depression: Excessive drowsiness, confusion, or respiratory depression.
- Seizures or hallucinations (particularly if Baclofen is stopped suddenly).
- **Hypotension**: Low blood pressure, dizziness, or fainting.
- **Gastrointestinal issues**: Abdominal pain, constipation, or diarrhea.
- Skin reactions: Rash, itching, or swelling.

If you experience **serious side effects**, such as **severe dizziness**, **seizures**, or difficulty breathing, seek immediate medical attention.

## **Drug Interactions:**

 CNS Depressants: Baclofen may enhance the sedative effects of other CNS depressants like alcohol, benzodiazepines, opioids, and antidepressants, leading to increased drowsiness or respiratory depression.

- Lithium: Baclofen may increase the risk of lithium toxicity, so if both medications are taken together, regular monitoring of lithium levels is recommended.
- **Diuretics**: Baclofen and diuretics may increase the risk of **electrolyte imbalances**, which can affect Baclofen's effectiveness and safety.
- Antacids: Antacids containing aluminum or magnesium may decrease Baclofen's absorption, so it is recommended to take Baclofen at least 2 hours apart from antacids.

### **Storage:**

- Store Baclofen 10 mg tablets at room temperature (15°C to 30°C / 59°F to 86°F).
- Keep the tablets in a **tightly closed container**, protected from moisture and light.
- Keep out of the reach of children.

# **Patient Counseling Information:**

- Take as prescribed: Be sure to follow your healthcare provider's dosing instructions for optimal results and safety.
- Avoid abrupt discontinuation: Never stop Baclofen suddenly. If you need to stop, your doctor will guide you on how to gradually reduce the dose to avoid withdrawal symptoms.
- Monitor side effects: Report any new or unusual symptoms, such as extreme drowsiness, muscle weakness, or severe dizziness, to your healthcare provider immediately.

This information for **Baclofen (10 mg) tablet** outlines its uses, side effects, and important safety information. Always consult your healthcare provider for personalized advice and instructions

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