

# METFORMIN TABLET<sup>®</sup>

Metformin HCl 250 mg, 500 mg, 850 mg

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## What Metformin Tablet is used for

It is used in the treatment of maturity on-set diabetes mellitus not responsive to diet alone or diet plus treatment with a Sulphonylurea.

## How Metformin Tablet Works

The active ingredient in the medicine is 'Metformin HCl'. This belongs to a group of medicines called 'Biguanide'. Metformin HCl acts mainly by lowering blood sugar level through reduction of liver glucose production.

## Before you use Metformin Tablet

### When you must not use it

- If you known hypersensitivity and If you are allergic to Metformin or any other ingredients in the product.
- If you have liver disease
- If you have kidney disease
- If you have heart failure
- If you have heart attack
- If you have diabetic ketoacidosis (when cells do not get the glucose they need for energy, your body begins to burn fat for energy, which produces ketones).

### Before you start to use it

You should check with your doctor:-

- If you plan to undergo surgery
- If you are or think you may be pregnant.
- If you are planning to become pregnant.
- If you are breastfeeding
- If you have a condition called lactic acidosis (occurs when blood becomes too acidic due to the presence of excess lactic acid in the body).

### Taking Other Medicines

There are a few medicines which may not mix with Metformin Tablet. It is important to tell your doctor or pharmacist about all the medicines that you are taking, including those obtained without doctor's prescription. You should talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you are on the following:

- Vitamin B12
- Alcohol
- Iodinated contrast agents
- Glucocorticoids
- Beta-2 agonists
- Diuretics

## How to use Metformin Tablet

### How much to use

You should take Metformin Tablet exactly as advised by your doctor or pharmacist. The amount you take each day will depend on your condition. Do not take more or less than what your doctor prescribes: The usual initial dose for adults is 500 mg thrice daily or 850 mg twice daily gradually increase to 3g daily in divided dose if required.

### When to use it

Metformin Tablet is to be taken with meal. Swallow the tablet with water.

### How long to use it

It is important to take Metformin Tablet as long as your doctor prescribes.

### If you forget to use it

Do not take extra dose to make up for a missed dose. Just take your next dose at usual the time.

### If you use too much (overdose)

If you take too much of the medication by mistake, contact your doctor immediately or seek medical attention.

## While you are using it

### Things you must do

Take Metformin Tablet exactly the way as prescribed.

### Things you must not do

Do not share your medicines with others even if they have the same diagnosis as you

### Things to be careful of

If you experience any side effects, consult your doctor or pharmacist for advice.

## Side Effects

The common side effects are anorexia, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Occasional side effects are metallic taste, weight loss, weakness, and skin rashes. Other possible side effects include lactic acidosis Symptoms may include vomiting, abdominal pain, diminished consciousness.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by calling 03-78835550, or visiting the website [portal.bpfk.gov.my](http://portal.bpfk.gov.my) (Consumers Reporting)

## Storage and Disposal of Metformin Tablet

### Storage

Store at temperature 25°C.

### Disposal

If you have any unwanted medicines, do not put them in waste water or household rubbish. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of the tablets.

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## Product Description

### What it looks like

#### **250mg & 500mg**

Round standard convex, white, film coated tablet with single score on one side.

#### **850mg**

Oval, convex, white, film- coated tablet with 'PO' debossed on one side and single score on the other.

### Ingredients

-Active Ingredients

Metformin HCl

-Inactive ingredients

Talcum, Calcium carbonate,  
Magnesium stearate, cornstarch,  
hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose,  
PEG6000, polyvinyl pyrolidone,  
lactose, titanium dioxide.

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