



## Ezetimibe

Medication Name	Brand Names
Ezetimibe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="radio"/> Ezetrol</li><li><input type="radio"/> Ezemichol</li><li><input type="radio"/> Zetia</li><li><input type="radio"/> Zient</li></ul>

### What is it used for?

Ezetimibe works by blocking the absorption of cholesterol in the small intestine and liver, leading to reduced ingested cholesterol being stored in the liver and an increase of cholesterol removed from the blood.

### How to take this drug

This medication must be taken daily, unless specified by your doctor. It can be taken any time of day but should be taken around the same time each day. If a dose is missed, only take the dose if you remember within three hours. If not, do not take the missed dose, and take the next dose when it is due normally. Do not take two doses at once.

**Take this medication only as per directions on the pharmacy label.**

### Before you take this medication it is important to tell your doctor if you:

- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant
- Are breast feeding
- Drink large amounts of alcohol
- Have liver disease
- Have had side effects from other cholesterol lowering medications

### Side Effects

Side effects occur in some people taking this medication. If they are troublesome to you, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

- raised red rash, sometimes with target-shaped lesions
- skin rash and hives
- dark coloured urine or light coloured bowel motions
- yellowing of the skin and eyes
- joint pain
- bleeding or bruising more easily than normal
- steady abdominal pain with nausea or vomiting

### Other important facts

Tell your doctor immediately if you notice the following:

#### **Unexplained muscle aches, tenderness or weakness, not caused by exercise.**

Serious side effects are rare, but other side effects not listed above may also occur in some patients. Tell your doctor if you notice any other effects.

**If there is an overdose of this medication call your doctor or Poisons Information Centre -13 11 26, or go to the emergency department at your nearest hospital**

**If you have any queries about your medications, talk to your Doctor or pharmacist. This information is only designed for use as an educational aid and is general in nature.**

<https://www1.racgp.org.au/news/gp/gp-opinion/old-doc-new-drug-ezetimibe>

<https://www.tga.gov.au/sites/default/files/auspar-ezetimibe-130228-pi.pdf>

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