

Are there any Special Precautions that I Need to Take?

- It is important to inform your doctor if you intend to conceive or breastfeed while taking this medication.

How do I Store Acetazolamide?

- Store your medication in a cool, dry place away from heat, moisture and direct sunlight.

If you have any problem with your treatment, please contact your doctor, pharmacist or nurse clinician.

Please keep all medications out of reach of children.

PHARMACY

Drug Information

Acetazolamide



What is Acetazolamide Used for?

- Acetazolamide can be used to remove excess fluid from the body, treat glaucoma, or prevent and treat altitude sickness.
- It works on many parts of your body:
 - Removes excessive water and salts via the kidneys.
 - Lowers the pressure in the eye by decreasing the production of aqueous humour, a fluid found in your eyes.
 - Helps the body to acclimatise to high altitudes.

How is Acetazolamide Taken?

- Take after food to reduce stomach upset.
- If taken multiple times a day, take the last dose before 6pm, as the medication may cause you to pass urine frequently.
- If you miss a dose, take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, take only the usual dose. Never take a double dosage to make up for the missed dose.

Can Acetazolamide be Taken With Other Medications?

- Do not mix the medication with fruit juices, as this may affect your body's ability to break down acetazolamide.
- It is important that you inform the doctor, pharmacist or nurse about other medications – including over-the-counter medications, supplements and traditional/herbal remedies – that you are currently taking, as they may affect the way you benefit from acetazolamide.

What are the Important Side Effects of Acetazolamide?

- Medications prescribed by your doctor should be beneficial for your condition, although they may result in some side effects.

Side Effects	Management
Nausea, diarrhoea or change in taste	Take after food to reduce stomach upset.
Blurred eyesight	Do not drive or operate machinery if you are affected.
Feeling sleepy, tired or weak	
Headache	May go away after a while. However, if it persists for more than a week, consult your doctor.
(Rare) Change in eyesight and hearing, or ringing in ears	Seek medical attention immediately.
(Rare) Difficulty passing urine	
(Rare) Confusion, fast breathing, fast heartbeat, shortness of breath, feeling abnormally sleepy, tired or weak	
(Rare) Persistent high fever, sore throat, mouth ulcers	
(Rare) Dark urine, severe stomach pain, yellowing skin or eyes	

If you develop rashes, facial swelling or shortness of breath after taking the medication, you could be allergic to the medication. Please seek medical attention immediately.