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## Ursodiol

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## Description

Side Effects Stomach upset, nausea, diarrhea, dizziness, back pain, hair loss, or cough 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: weakness, swelling of the ankles/feet, increased thirst/urination, signs of infection (such as sore throat that doesn't go away, fever), easy bleeding/bruising, symptoms of stomach/intestinal blockage (such as abdominal pain, loss of appetite, cramping, vomiting). 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](http://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. How long does it take for this medicine to take effect? The onset of action for ursodiol in reducing biliary cholesterol saturation and improving liver enzyme levels can be variable, depending on the condition being treated. For gallstone dissolution, it may take several months before a decrease in the size or number of gallstones is observed. In the treatment of PBC, improvements in liver function tests may be seen within 1 to 3 months of starting treatment. How long do the effects of this medicine last? The duration of the effects of ursodiol is dependent on continued use of the medication. For gallstone dissolution, treatment may continue for up to 2 years, and if the stones are not dissolved within this time frame, it is unlikely that continued treatment will be effective. In the treatment of PBC, ursodiol is often used long-term to maintain improved liver function and delay disease progression. Is it safe to consume alcohol while taking this medicine? While there is no direct interaction between ursodiol and alcohol, patients with liver disease, especially those being treated for conditions like PBC, are generally advised to avoid or limit alcohol consumption. Alcohol can exacerbate liver damage and may interfere with the management of liver conditions. Is this a habit forming medicine? Ursodiol is not considered habit-forming. It does not have addictive properties or lead to physical or psychological dependence. It is used for its pharmacological effects on bile composition and liver function. Can this medicine be taken during pregnancy? Ursodiol is classified as FDA Pregnancy Category B, indicating that animal reproduction studies have not demonstrated a risk to

the fetus, but there are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Ursodiol should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed and after careful consideration of the benefits and risks. Can this medicine be taken while breast-feeding? Ursodiol is excreted into breast milk in small amounts. While there are limited data on the effects of ursodiol on nursing infants, the medication is considered relatively safe during breastfeeding. However, the decision to use ursodiol while breastfeeding should be made after considering the importance of the medication to the mother's health and potential effects on the infant, ideally in consultation with a healthcare provider. Uses Ursodiol is used to dissolve certain types of gallstones, to prevent gallstones from forming in obese patients who are losing weight rapidly, and to treat a certain type of liver disease (primary biliary cholangitis). Ursodiol is a bile acid. How to use Ursodiol Take this medication exactly as directed by your doctor. Dosage is based on your medical condition and response to therapy. Do not increase your dose or take this medication more often without your doctor's approval. Your condition will not improve any faster, and the risk of serious side effects may be increased. Use this medication regularly to get the most benefit from it. To help you remember, take it at the same times each day. Precautions Before taking ursodiol, tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are allergic to it; or to other bile acids; 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: certain gallbladder/bile duct problems (such as acute cholecystitis, cholangitis, biliary obstruction, gallstone pancreatitis, biliary-gastrointestinal fistula), liver disease (such as ascites, variceal bleeding, hepatic encephalopathy). This drug may make you dizzy. Alcohol or marijuana (cannabis) can make you more dizzy. Do not drive, use machinery, or do anything that needs alertness until you can do it safely. Limit alcoholic beverages. Talk to your doctor if you are using marijuana (cannabis). During pregnancy, this medication should be used only when clearly needed. Discuss the risks and benefits with your doctor. This medication passes into breast milk. Consult your doctor before breast-feeding. 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: severe diarrhea. Do not share this medication with others. Lab and/or medical tests (such as liver function, bilirubin level) should be done while you are taking this medication. Keep all medical and lab appointments. Consult your doctor for more details. 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. Store at room temperature away from light and moisture. Different brands/strengths of this medication may have different storage requirements. Read the package labeling or ask your pharmacist for the storage requirements for the product you are using. Do not store in the bathroom. Keep all medications away from children and pets. 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. 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.

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## Side Effects

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## Uses

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**Interactions**

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