

Package leaflet: Information for the user

Atorvastatin Teva 10 mg film-coated tablets

Atorvastatin Teva 20 mg film-coated tablets

Atorvastatin Teva 40 mg film-coated tablets

Atorvastatin Teva 80 mg film-coated tablets

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Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

What is in this leaflet:

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1. What Atorvastatin Teva is and what it is used for

Atorvastatin belongs to a group of medicines known as statins, which are lipid (fat) regulating medicines.

Atorvastatin is used to lower lipids known as cholesterol and triglycerides in the blood when a low fat diet and lifestyle changes on their own have failed. If you are at an increased risk of heart disease, Atorvastatin can also be used to reduce such risk even if your cholesterol levels are normal. You should maintain a standard cholesterol lowering diet during treatment.

2. What you need to know before you take Atorvastatin Teva

Do not take Atorvastatin Teva

- If you are allergic to atorvastatin or to any similar medicines used to lower blood lipids or to any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6)
- If you have or have ever had a disease which affects the liver
- If you have had any unexplained abnormal blood tests for liver function
- If you are a woman able to have children and not using reliable contraception
- If you are pregnant or trying to become pregnant
- If you are breast-feeding
- If you use the combination of glecaprevir/pibrentasvir in the treatment of hepatitis C.

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Atorvastatin Teva.

- If you have severe respiratory failure
- If you are taking or have taken in the last 7 days a medicine called fusidic acid, (a medicine for bacterial infection) orally or by injection. The combination of fusidic acid and Atorvastatin can lead to serious muscle problems (rhabdomyolysis)

- If you have had a previous stroke with bleeding into the brain, or have small pockets of fluid in the brain from previous strokes
- If you have kidney problems
- If you have an under-active thyroid gland (hypothyroidism)
- If you have had repeated or unexplained muscle aches or pains, a personal history or family history of muscle problems
- If you have had previous muscular problems during treatment with other lipid-lowering medicines (e.g. other ‘-statin’ or ‘-fibrate’ medicines)
- If you have or have had myasthenia (a disease with general muscle weakness including in some cases muscles used when breathing), or ocular myasthenia (a disease causing eye muscle weakness) as statins may sometimes aggravate the condition or lead to the occurrence of myasthenia (see section 4)
- If you regularly drink a large amount of alcohol
- If you have a history of liver disease
- If you are older than 70 years.

If any of these apply to you, your doctor will need to carry out a blood test before and possibly during your Atorvastatin treatment to predict your risk of muscle-related side effects. The risk of muscle-related side effects e.g rhabdomyolysis is known to increase when certain medicines are taken at the same time (see section 2 “Other medicines and Atorvastatin Teva”).

Also tell your doctor or pharmacist if you have a muscle weakness that is constant. Additional tests and medicines may be needed to diagnose and treat this.

While you are on this medicine your doctor will monitor you closely if you have diabetes or are at risk of developing diabetes. You are likely to be at risk of developing diabetes if you have high levels of sugars and fats in your blood, are overweight and have high blood pressure.

Other medicines and Atorvastatin Teva

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines.

There are some medicines that may change the effect of Atorvastatin, or their effect may be changed by Atorvastatin. This type of interaction could make one or both of the medicines less effective. Alternatively it could increase the risk or severity of side effects, including the important muscle-wasting condition known as rhabdomyolysis described in section 4:

- If you need to take oral fusidic acid to treat a bacterial infection you will need to temporarily stop using this medicine. Your doctor will tell you when it is safe to restart Atorvastatin. Taking Atorvastatin with fusidic acid may rarely lead to muscle weakness, tenderness or pain (rhabdomyolysis). See more information regarding rhabdomyolysis in section 4.
- Medicines used to alter the way your immune system works, e.g. ciclosporin
- Certain antibiotics or antifungal medicines, e.g. erythromycin, clarithromycin, telithromycin, ketoconazole, itraconazole, voriconazole, fluconazole, posaconazole, rifampin
- Other medicines to regulate lipid levels, e.g. gemfibrozil, other fibrates, colestipol
- Some calcium channel blockers used for angina or high blood pressure, e.g. amlodipine, diltiazem; medicines to regulate your heart rhythm e.g. digoxin, verapamil, amiodarone
- Letemovir, a medicine that helps stop you from getting ill from cytomegalovirus
- Medicines used in the treatment of HIV e.g. efavirenz, ritonavir, lopinavir, atazanavir, indinavir, darunavir, the combination of tipranavir/ritonavir etc.
- Some medicines used in the treatment of hepatitis C e.g. telaprevir, boceprevir and the combination of elbasvir/grazoprevir, ledipasvir/sofosbuvir
- Other medicines known to interact with atorvastatin include ezetimibe (which lowers cholesterol), warfarin (which reduces blood clotting), oral contraceptives, stiripentol (an anti-convulsant for epilepsy), cimetidine (used for heartburn and peptic ulcers), phenazone (a painkiller), colchicine (used to treat gout) and antacids (indigestion products containing aluminium or magnesium)

- Daptomycin (a medicine used to treat complicated skin and skin structure infections and bacteria present in the blood)
- Medicines obtained without a prescription: St. John's Wort.

Atorvastatin Teva with food, drink and alcohol

See section 3 for instructions on how to take Atorvastatin. Please note the following:

Grapefruit juice

Do not take more than one or two small glasses of grapefruit juice per day because large quantities of grapefruit juice can change the effects of Atorvastatin.

Alcohol

Avoid drinking too much alcohol while taking this medicine. See section 2 "Warnings and precautions" for details.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Do not take Atorvastatin if you are pregnant or if you are trying to become pregnant.

Do not take Atorvastatin if you are able to become pregnant unless you use reliable contraceptive measures.

Do not take Atorvastatin if you are breast-feeding.

The safety of Atorvastatin during pregnancy and breast-feeding has not yet been proven. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

Driving and using machines

Normally this medicine does not affect your ability to drive or operate machines. However, do not drive if this medicine affects your ability to drive. Do not use any tools or machines if your ability to use them is affected by this medicine.

This medicine contains sodium.

This medicine contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per film-coated tablet, that is to say essentially 'sodium-free'.

3. How to take Atorvastatin Teva

Always take this medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Before starting treatment, your doctor will place you on a low-cholesterol diet, which you should maintain also during therapy with Atorvastatin

The recommended starting dose of Atorvastatin is 10 mg once a day **in adults and children aged 10 years or older**. This may be increased if necessary by your doctor until you are taking the amount you need. Your doctor will adapt the dose at intervals of 4 weeks or more. The maximum dose of Atorvastatin is 80 mg once a day.

Atorvastatin tablets should be swallowed whole with a drink of water, and can be taken at any time of day, with or without food. However, try to take your tablet at the same time every day.

The duration of treatment with Atorvastatin is determined by your doctor.

Please ask your doctor if you think that the effect of Atorvastatin is too strong or too weak.

If you take more Atorvastatin Teva than you should

If you accidentally take too many Atorvastatin tablets (more than your usual daily dose), contact your doctor or nearest hospital for advice.

If you forget to take Atorvastatin Teva

If you forget to take a dose, just take your next scheduled dose at the correct time. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

If you stop taking Atorvastatin Teva

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine or wish to stop your treatment, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

If you experience any of the following serious side effects or symptoms, stop taking your tablets and tell your doctor immediately or go to the nearest hospital accident and emergency department.

Rare: may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people

- Serious allergic reaction which causes swelling of the face, tongue and throat that can cause great difficulty in breathing.
- Serious illness with severe peeling and swelling of the skin, blistering of the skin, mouth, eyes genitals and fever. Skin rash with pink-red blotches especially on palms of hands or soles of feet which may blister.
- Muscle weakness, tenderness, pain, rupture or red-brown discolouration of urine and particularly, if at the same time, you feel unwell or have a high temperature it may be caused by an abnormal muscle breakdown (rhabdomyolysis). The abnormal muscle breakdown does not always go away, even after you have stopped taking atorvastatin, and it can be life-threatening and lead to kidney problems.

Very rare: may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people

- Lupus-like disease syndrome (including rash, joint disorders and effects on blood cells)
- If you experience problems with unexpected or unusual bleeding or bruising, this may be suggestive of a liver complaint. You should consult your doctor as soon as possible.

Other possible side effects with Atorvastatin Teva

Common: may affect up to 1 in 10 people

- inflammation of the nasal passages, pain in the throat, nose bleed
- allergic reactions
- increases in blood sugar levels (if you have diabetes continue careful monitoring of your blood sugar levels), increase in blood creatine kinase
- headache
- nausea, constipation, wind, indigestion, diarrhoea
- joint pain, muscle pain and back pain
- blood test results that show your liver function can become abnormal

Uncommon: may affect up to 1 in 100 people

- anorexia (loss of appetite), weight gain, decreases in blood sugar levels (if you have diabetes you should continue careful monitoring of your blood sugar levels)
- having nightmares, insomnia
- dizziness, numbness or tingling in the fingers and toes, reductions of sensation to pain or touch, change in sense of taste, loss of memory
- blurred vision

- ringing in the ears and/or head
- vomiting, belching, abdominal pain upper and lower, pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas leading to stomach pain)
- hepatitis (liver inflammation)
- rash, skin rash and itching, hives, hair loss
- neck pain, muscle fatigue
- fatigue, feeling unwell, weakness, chest pain, swelling especially in the ankles (oedema), raised temperature
- urine tests that are positive for white blood cells

Rare: may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people

- visual disturbance
- unexpected bleeding or bruising
- cholestasis (yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes)
- tendon injury
- rash that may occur on the skin or sores in the mouth (lichenoid drug reaction)
- purple skin lesions (signs of blood vessel inflammation, vasculitis)

Very rare: may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people

- an allergic reaction - symptoms may include sudden wheezing and chest pain or tightness, swelling of the eyelids, face, lips, mouth, tongue or throat, difficulty breathing, collapse
- hearing loss
- gynaecomastia (breast enlargement in men).

Not known: frequency cannot be estimated from the available data

- muscle weakness that is constant
- myasthenia gravis (a disease causing general muscle weakness including in some cases muscles used when breathing)
- ocular myasthenia (a disease causing eye muscle weakness).

Talk to your doctor if you experience weakness in your arms or legs that worsens after periods of activity, double vision or drooping of your eyelids, difficulty swallowing, or shortness of breath.

Possible side effects reported with some statins (medicines of the same type):

- Sexual difficulties
- Depression
- Breathing problems including persistent cough and/or shortness of breath or fever
- Diabetes. This is more likely if you have high levels of sugars and fats in your blood, are overweight and have high blood pressure. Your doctor will monitor you while you are taking this medicine.

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

You can also report side effects directly via HPRA Pharmacovigilance, Website: www.hpra.ie. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine..

5. How to store Atorvastatin Teva

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Store below 30°C.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help to protect the environment.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Atorvastatin Teva contains

- The active substance is atorvastatin
Each 10 mg tablet contains 10 mg atorvastatin (as atorvastatin calcium)
Each 20 mg tablet contains 20 mg atorvastatin (as atorvastatin calcium)
Each 40 mg tablet contains 40 mg atorvastatin (as atorvastatin calcium)
Each 80 mg tablet contains 80 mg atorvastatin (as atorvastatin calcium)
- The other ingredients in the tablet core are microcrystalline cellulose, sodium carbonate, maltose, croscarmellose sodium and magnesium stearate.
The other ingredients in the film-coating are hypromellose (E464), hydroxypropylcellulose, triethyl citrate (E1505), polysorbate 80 and titanium dioxide (E171).

What Atorvastatin Teva looks like and contents of the pack

- **10 mg: Atorvastatin Teva** film-coated tablets are white to off-white, elliptic, biconvex and smooth film-coated tablets. The dimensions of each tablet are approximately 9.7 mm x 5.2 mm.
20 mg: Atorvastatin Teva film-coated tablets are white to off-white, elliptic, biconvex and smooth film-coated tablets. The dimensions of each tablet are approximately 12.5 mm x 6.6 mm.
40 mg: Atorvastatin Teva film-coated tablets are white to off-white, elliptic, biconvex and smooth film-coated tablets. The dimensions of each tablet are approximately 15.6 mm x 8.3 mm.
80 mg: Atorvastatin Teva film-coated tablets are white to off-white, elliptic, biconvex and smooth film-coated tablets. The dimensions of each tablet are approximately 18.8 mm x 10.3 mm.
- **Atorvastatin Teva** is available in aluminium-aluminium blisters containing 7, 10, 14, 15, 20, 28, 30, 50, 50x1, 56, 60, 84, 90, 98, 100 or 200 tablets and in high density polyethylene bottle containing 50 or 100 tablets and as multipack containing 100 tablets (2 bottles of 50 tablets).
- Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

Marketing Authorisation Holder and Manufacturer

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This medicinal product is authorised in the Member States of the European Economic Area and in the United Kingdom (Northern Ireland) under the following names:

Austria	Atorvastatin ratiopharm 10 mg Filmdabletten Atorvastatin ratiopharm 20 mg Filmdabletten Atorvastatin ratiopharm 40 mg Filmdabletten Atorvastatin ratiopharm 80 mg Filmdabletten
Belgium	Atorvastatine Teva 10 mg filmomhulde tableten Atorvastatine Teva 20 mg filmomhulde tableten Atorvastatine Teva 40 mg filmomhulde tableten Atorvastatine Teva 80 mg filmomhulde tableten
Bulgaria	Avanor 10 mg Film-coated tablets Avanor 20 mg Film-coated tablets
Czech Republic	Atorvastatin ratiopharm GmbH 10 mg potahované tablety Atorvastatin ratiopharm GmbH 20 mg potahované tablety Atorvastatin ratiopharm GmbH 40 mg potahované tablety
Denmark	Atorvastatin Teva
Estonia	Atorvastatin Teva
Finland	Atorvastatin ratiopharm 10 mg kalvopäällysteiset tabletit Atorvastatin ratiopharm 20 mg kalvopäällysteiset tabletit Atorvastatin ratiopharm 40 mg kalvopäällysteiset tabletit Atorvastatin ratiopharm 80 mg kalvopäällysteiset tabletit
France	ATORVASTATINE TEVA Santé 10 mg, comprimé pelliculé ATORVASTATINE TEVA Santé 20 mg, comprimé pelliculé ATORVASTATINE TEVA Santé 40 mg, comprimé pelliculé ATORVASTATINE TEVA Santé 80 mg, comprimé pelliculé
Ireland	Atorvastatin Teva 10mg film-coated tablets Atorvastatin Teva 20mg film-coated tablets Atorvastatin Teva 40mg film-coated tablets Atorvastatin Teva 80mg film-coated tablets
Italy	Atorvastatina Teva Italia 10 mg compressa rivestita con film Atorvastatina Teva Italia 20 mg compressa rivestita con film Atorvastatina Teva Italia 40 mg compressa rivestita con film Atorvastatina Teva Italia 80 mg compressa rivestita con film
Lithuania	Atorvastatin Teva 10 mg plėvele dengtos tabletės Atorvastatin Teva 20 mg plėvele dengtos tabletės Atorvastatin Teva 40 mg plėvele dengtos tabletės Atorvastatin Teva 80 mg plėvele dengtos tabletės
The Netherlands	Atorvastatine 10 mg Teva, filmomhulde tableten Atorvastatine 20 mg Teva, filmomhulde tableten Atorvastatine 40 mg Teva, filmomhulde tableten Atorvastatine 80 mg Teva, filmomhulde tableten

Norway	Atorvastatin Teva 10 mg filmdrasjerte tabletter Atorvastatin Teva 20 mg filmdrasjerte tabletter Atorvastatin Teva 40 mg filmdrasjerte tabletter Atorvastatin Teva 80 mg filmdrasjerte tabletter
Portugal	Atorvastatina Teva
Sweden	Atorvastatin Teva 10 mg filmdragerade tabletter Atorvastatin Teva 20 mg filmdragerade tabletter Atorvastatin Teva 40 mg filmdragerade tabletter Atorvastatin Teva 80 mg filmdragerade tabletter
Slovakia	Atorvastatin Teva Pharma 10 mg Atorvastatin Teva Pharma 20 mg Atorvastatin Teva Pharma 40 mg Atorvastatin Teva Pharma 80 mg
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