






Sulfonylureas Drug Information

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Generic Name	Brand Name	Dosage form	Appearance
Gliclazide	Diamicron MR	30mg Tablet	
Glimepiride	Amaryl	2 mg Tablet	
Glimepiride, Metformin	Amaryl M	2 mg/500mg Tablet	

1. Why do I need this medicine ?

Treat type 2 diabetes by stimulating insulin secretion to lower blood sugar

2. How is this drug best taken ?

- (1) Take medicine 30 minutes before meals or with meals.
- (2) Swallow Diamicron® without crushing or chewing.

3. What are some things I need to know or do while I take this drug?

- (1) To keep diabetes under well control, please follow your doctor's advice to control your diet and alcohol intake. Exercise regularly, and check up for blood sugar, glycated hemoglobin(HbA1c), urine sugar, and kidney function tests. Diet and exercise should be regular, since delayed eating or excessive exercise may cause hypoglycemia.

- (2) Please inform your doctor about
 - a) All the medications you take.
 - b) Under glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase(G6PD) deficiency (as anemia may occur)
 - c) During pregnancy or breast-feeding (Diabetes during pregnancy should be controlled mainly with insulin.)
- (3) Some people will be sensitive to the sun after taking sulfonylureas. Avoid too much sunlight and get moderate sun protection (such as wearing sunscreen when going out).
- (4) If you are going to have any surgery, dental treatment or emergency treatment, be sure to inform the doctor you are taking these drugs.

4. Possible Side Effect

- (1) If you have symptoms of hypoglycemia, e.g., extreme hunger, palpitations, trembling, persistent chills, cold sweats, confusion, headache. Take food with sugar immediately. if no improvement , seek medical attention as soon as possible.
- (2) Seek medical attention as soon as possible if you experience any of the following symptoms:
 - (a) skin reactions: skin rash, itching, redness, severe sunburn
 - (b) liver problems: yellow skin or eyes, light-colored stools, dark urine;
 - (c) abnormal bleeding or bruise; sore throat, persistent fever
- (3) At the beginning of taking the medicine, you may experience stomachache, bloating or diarrhea , as well as temporary visual impairment, but this is rare. The symptoms will be relieved after you gradually adapt to the medicine. If the symptoms persist, you should inform your doctor when you see a doctor.

5. What do I do if I miss a dose?

- (1) Take a missed dose as soon as you think about it. If it is close to the time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your normal time.
- (2) Do not take double doses at the same time or extra doses.

6. How do I store this drug?

Store at room temperature under 30° C. Keep it from heat, moisture and direct light.

*This leaflet cannot provide complete drug information.
Please consult doctors or pharmacist if you have any questions.

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