

Patient Information Atorvastatin Calcium Tablets, USP for oral use (a TOR va sta tin)
What is atorvastatin calcium tablets? Atorvastatin calcium tablets is a prescription medicine that contains a cholesterol lowering medicine (statin) called atorvastatin. Atorvastatin calcium tablets is used: • to reduce the risk of: ○ heart attack, stroke, certain types of heart surgery and chest pain in adults who do not have heart disease but have other multiple risk factors for heart disease. ○ heart attack and stroke in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus who do not have heart disease but have other multiple risk factors. ○ heart attack that does not cause death, stroke, certain types of heart surgery, hospitalization for congestive heart failure, and chest pain in adults with heart disease. • along with diet to reduce low density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) or bad cholesterol: ○ in adults with primary hyperlipidemia. ○ in adults and children aged 10 years and older with heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH). This is an inherited condition that causes high levels of bad cholesterol. • along with other cholesterol lowering treatments or alone if such treatments are unavailable in adults and children aged 10 years and older with homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH). This is an inherited condition that causes high levels of bad cholesterol. • along with diet for the treatment of adults with: ○ primary dysbetalipoproteinemia (an inherited condition that causes high levels of cholesterol and fat). ○ hypertriglyceridemia. It is not known if atorvastatin calcium tablets is safe and effective in children younger than 10 years of age with HeFH or HoFH or in children with other types of hyperlipidemias (other than HeFH or HoFH).
Do not take atorvastatin calcium tablets if you: • have liver problems (acute liver failure or decompensated cirrhosis) • are allergic to atorvastatin or any of the ingredients in atorvastatin calcium tablets. Stop using atorvastatin calcium tablets and get medical help right away if you have symptoms of a serious allergic reaction including: ○ swelling of your face, lips, tongue or throat ○ problems breathing or swallowing ○ fainting or feeling dizzy ○ very rapid heartbeat ○ severe skin rash or itching ○ flu-like symptoms including fever, sore throat, cough, tiredness, and joint pain See the end of this leaflet for a complete list of ingredients in atorvastatin calcium tablets.
<u>Before you take atorvastatin calcium tablets, tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:</u> • have unexplained muscle aches or weakness • drink more than 2 glasses of alcohol daily • have diabetes • have thyroid problems • have kidney problems • had a stroke • are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. Atorvastatin calcium tablets may harm your unborn baby. If you become pregnant, stop taking atorvastatin calcium tablets and call your healthcare provider right away. • are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. You and your healthcare provider should decide if you will take atorvastatin calcium tablets or breastfeed. You should not do both. Talk to your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby if you take atorvastatin calcium tablets. Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Atorvastatin calcium tablets and certain other medicines can increase the risk of muscle problems or other side effects. Especially tell your healthcare provider if you take medicines for: • your immune system (cyclosporine) • cholesterol (gemfibrozil) • infections (erythromycin, clarithromycin, itraconazole, ketoconazole, posaconazole, and voriconazole) • birth control pills • heart failure (digoxin) • gout (colchicine) • niacin • fibrates • treating HIV, AIDS, or hepatitis C (anti-virals) ○ tipranavir plus ritonavir ○ ledipasvir plus sofosbuvir ○ saquinavir plus ritonavir ○ fosamprenavir ○ elbasvir plus grazoprevir ○ nelfinavir ○ glecaprevir plus pibrentasvir ○ simeprevir ○ darunavir plus ritonavir ○ fosamprenavir plus ritonavir ○ letermovir Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for a list of medicines if you are not sure. Know all the medicines you take. Keep a list of them to show your healthcare provider and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.
How should I take atorvastatin calcium tablets? • Take atorvastatin calcium tablets exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to take it. • Do not change your dose or stop atorvastatin calcium tablets without talking to your healthcare provider. • Your healthcare provider may do blood tests to check your cholesterol levels during your treatment with atorvastatin calcium tablets. Your dose of atorvastatin calcium tablets may be changed based on these blood test results. • Take atorvastatin calcium tablets each day at any time of day. Atorvastatin calcium tablets can be taken with or without food. • Your healthcare provider may start you on a cholesterol lowering diet before giving you atorvastatin calcium tablets. Stay on this low-fat diet when you take atorvastatin calcium tablets. • If you miss a dose of atorvastatin calcium tablets, wait and take the next dose at your regular time. Do not take 2 doses of atorvastatin calcium tablets at the same time. • If you take too much atorvastatin calcium tablets or overdose, call your healthcare provider or Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222 or go to the nearest emergency room right away.

