

PATIENT INFORMATION

Amlodipine Besylate Tablets USP

Read this information carefully before you start taking **amlodipine besylate tablets** (am loe' di peen) and each time you refill your prescription. There may be new information. This information does not replace talking with your doctor. If you have any questions about **amlodipine besylate tablets**, ask your doctor. Your doctor will know if **amlodipine besylate tablets** are right for you.

What is amlodipine besylate tablets?

Amlodipine besylate tablets are a type of medicine known as a calcium channel blocker (CCB). It is used to treat high blood pressure (hypertension) and a type of chest pain called angina. It can be used by itself or with other medicines to treat these conditions.

High Blood Pressure (hypertension)

High blood pressure comes from blood pushing too hard against your blood vessels. **Amlodipine besylate tablets** relax your blood vessels, which lets your blood flow more easily and helps lower your blood pressure. Drugs that lower blood pressure lower your risk of having a stroke or heart attack.

Angina

Angina is a pain or discomfort that keeps coming back when part of your heart does not get enough blood. Angina feels like a pressing or squeezing pain, usually in your chest under the breastbone. Sometimes you can feel it in your shoulders, arms, neck, jaws, or back. **Amlodipine besylate tablets** can relieve this pain.

Who should not use amlodipine besylate tablets?

Do not use **amlodipine besylate tablets** if you are allergic to amlodipine (the active ingredient in **amlodipine besylate tablets**), or to the inactive ingredients. Your doctor or pharmacist can give you a list of these ingredients.

What should I tell my doctor before taking amlodipine besylate tablets?

Tell your doctor about any prescription and non-prescription medicines you are taking, including natural or herbal remedies. Tell your doctor if you:

- ever had heart disease
- ever had liver problems
- are pregnant, or plan to become pregnant. Your doctor will decide if **amlodipine besylate tablets** are the best treatment for you.
- are breastfeeding. Amlodipine besylate passes into your milk.

How should I take amlodipine besylate tablets?

- Take **amlodipine besylate tablets** once a day, with or without food.
- It may be easier to take your dose if you do it at the same time every day, such as with breakfast or dinner, or at bedtime. Do not take more than one dose of **amlodipine besylate tablets** at a time.
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. Do not take **amlodipine besylate tablets** if it has been more than 12 hours since you missed your last dose. Wait and take the next dose at your regular time.
- **Other medicines:** You can use nitroglycerin and **amlodipine besylate tablets** together. If you take nitroglycerin for angina, don't stop taking it while you are taking **amlodipine besylate tablets**.
- While you are taking **amlodipine besylate tablets**, do not stop taking your other prescription medicines, including any other blood pressure medicines, without talking to your doctor.

- If you took too much **amlodipine besylate tablets**, call your doctor or Poison Control Center, or go to the nearest hospital emergency room right away.

What should I avoid while taking amlodipine besylate tablets?

- **Do not** start any new prescription or non-prescription medicines or supplements, unless you check with your doctor first.

What are the possible side effects of amlodipine besylate tablets?

Amlodipine besylate tablets may cause the following side effects. Most side effects are mild or moderate:

- swelling of your legs or ankles
- tiredness, extreme sleepiness
- stomach pain, nausea
- dizziness
- flushing (hot or warm feeling in your face)
- arrhythmia (irregular heartbeat)
- heart palpitations (very fast heartbeat)
- muscle rigidity, tremor and/or abnormal muscle movement

It is rare, but when you first start taking **amlodipine besylate tablets** or increase your dose, you may have a heart attack or your angina may get worse. If that happens, call your doctor right away or go directly to a hospital emergency room.

Tell your doctor if you are concerned about any side effects you experience. These are not all the possible side effects of **amlodipine besylate tablets**. For a complete list, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to the FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or by visiting www.fda.gov/medwatch.

How do I store amlodipine?

Keep **amlodipine besylate tablets** away from children. Store **amlodipine besylate tablets** at 20° to 25°C (68° to 77°F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature]. Keep **amlodipine besylate tablets** out of the light. Do not store in the bathroom. Keep **amlodipine besylate tablets** in a dry place.

General advice about amlodipine besylate tablets

Sometimes, doctors will prescribe a medicine for a condition that is not written in the patient information leaflets. Only use **amlodipine besylate tablets** the way your doctor told you to. Do not give **amlodipine besylate tablets** to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

You can ask your pharmacist or doctor for information about **amlodipine besylate tablets**.

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