

Belviq® (lorcaserin) Patient Information

Who Is Belviq For?

Belviq is a medication for chronic weight management. It is for people with overweight and weight-related conditions or obesity. It is meant to be used together with a lifestyle therapy regimen involving a reduced calorie diet and increased physical activity.

How Does Belviq Work?

Belviq works in the brain as an appetite suppressant.

Who Should Not Take Belviq?

Women who are pregnant, nursing, or planning to become pregnant.

How Is Belviq Dosed?

Belviq® (lorcaserin)	Belviq XR® (lorcaserin extended release)
Take one 10 mg tablet 2 times each day with or without food.	Take one 20 mg tablet once daily with or without food.

Is Belviq a Controlled Substance?

Belviq is a federally controlled substance because it contains lorcaserin hydrochloride and may be abused or lead to drug dependence. Some states do not allow your doctor to prescribe more than one month at a time.

Which Medications Might Not Be Safe to Use with Belviq?

Belviq can affect how other medicines work in your body, and other medicines can affect how Belviq works. Tell your doctor about all the medicines and supplements you take, especially those used to treat depression, migraines, or other medical conditions, such as:

- Triptans—used to treat migraine headache
- Medicines used to treat mood, anxiety, psychotic or thought disorders, including tricyclics, lithium, selective serotonin uptake inhibitors (SSRIs), selective serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs), monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs), or antipsychotics
- Cabergoline—used to treat a hormone imbalance involving prolactin
- Linezolid—an antibiotic
- Tramadol—an opioid pain reliever
- Dextromethorphan—an over-the-counter medicine used to treat the common cold or cough
- Over-the-counter supplements such as tryptophan or St. John’s Wort
- Medicines used to treat erectile dysfunction



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What Are the Most Common Side Effects of Belviq?

- Headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Dry mouth
- Constipation
- Fatigue

What Are the Possible Serious Side Effects of Belviq?

Serotonin Syndrome or Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome (NMS)-Like Reactions

Belviq and certain medicines for depression, migraine, the common cold, or other medical problems may affect each other, causing serious or life-threatening side effects. Call your doctor right away if you start to have agitation, hallucinations, confusion, coordination problems, uncontrolled muscle spasms, muscle twitching, restlessness, fast heartbeat, high blood pressure, sweating, fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or stiff muscles.

Valvular Heart Disease

Some people taking medicines like Belviq have had problems with the valves in their heart. If you have a history of heart valve problems, Belviq may not be appropriate for you. Call your doctor if you develop trouble breathing; swelling of the arms, legs, ankles, or feet; dizziness, fatigue, or weakness that will not go away; fast or irregular heartbeat; or changes in your attention or memory.

Mental Problems

Taking Belviq in high doses may cause psychiatric problems such as hallucinations, feeling “high” or in a very good mood, feelings of standing next to yourself or out of your body, depression, or thoughts of suicide.

Low Blood Sugar (Hypoglycemia)

Weight loss can cause low blood sugar in people with type 2 diabetes who also take medicines used to treat type 2 diabetes (such as insulin or sulfonylureas). You should check your blood sugar before you start taking Belviq and while you take Belviq.

Painful Erections (Priapism)

The medicine in Belviq can cause painful erections that last more than 6 hours. If you have an erection lasting more than 4 hours, call your doctor or go to the nearest emergency room right away.



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Slow Heart Beat

Belviq may cause your heart to beat slower. Tell your doctor if you have a history of your heart beating slowly or heart block.

Low White Blood Cell Count

Belviq may cause your white blood cell count to decrease.

Increase in Prolactin

Let your doctor know if you develop low sex drive (men) or irregular periods and/or milky nipple discharge (women).

This is not intended to be a complete list. For additional information please see the manufacturer's website: <https://www.belviq.com>.

Reference

Belviq (lorcaserin) prescribing information. Woodcliff Lake, NJ: Eisai Inc.; 2012.

