



# Baclofen

## Information for patients

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### Read this medicine fact sheet to learn about:

- What this medicine is
- Why you need to take it
- What side effects to watch for

### What is the name of my medicine?

Baclofen (pronounced BAK - low - fen)

### Other names for this medicine:

Apo-Baclofen®	Ava-Baclofen
Dom-Baclofen	Lioresal®
Lioresal® D.S.	Med-Baclofen
Mylan-Baclofen	Novo-Baclofen
Nu-Baclo	PHL-Baclofen
PMS-Baclofen	ratio-Baclofen
Riva-Baclofen	

### Why do I need to take this medicine?

- To calm muscles.
- To treat spasms in patients with MS (multiple sclerosis) or spinal cord disease.

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## How do I take this medicine?

- Take this medicine exactly as you have been told by your doctor.
- Take it with food if it upsets your stomach.
- This medicine is used with rest, physical therapy, pain medicines, and other therapies.
- **Do not change the dose or stop taking this medicine without checking with your doctor first. Your doctor may slowly decrease the amount.**

**Tell your doctor if you have any allergies.**

## What are the side effects of this medicine?

- Feeling lightheaded, sleepy, having blurred eyesight, or a change in thinking clearly
- Dizziness. Get up slowly when you have been sitting or lying down.
- Upset stomach or throwing up. It may help to eat many small meals, suck hard, sugar-free candy or chew sugar-free gum.

## Call your doctor right away if you notice:

- **Signs of an allergic reaction:** rash, hives, itching, red, swollen, blistered, or peeling skin with or without fever, wheezing, tightness in the chest or throat, trouble breathing or talking, or swelling of the mouth, face, lips, tongue or throat.
- Side effect that is not better or you are feeling worse.

**Call your doctor if you have any questions about the side effects.  
Go to your local emergency room if you think there has been an overdose.**

### **What should I do if I miss a dose?**

- 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.
- Do not take 2 doses at the same time or extra doses.

### **Who do I talk to if I have a problem or question?**

This pamphlet does not cover all of the side effects that may happen. Please contact a pharmacist or other health care professionals if you have any questions about this medicine or the side effects.

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