

DIAFORMIN® VIATRIS

metformin hydrochloride

Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using DIAFORMIN VIATRIS. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using DIAFORMIN VIATRIS.**

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1. Why am I using DIAFORMIN VIATRIS?

DIAFORMIN VIATRIS contains the active ingredient metformin hydrochloride.

DIAFORMIN VIATRIS belongs to a group of medicines called biguanides. DIAFORMIN VIATRIS lowers high blood glucose (hyperglycaemia) by helping your body make better use of the insulin produced by your pancreas.

People with type 2 diabetes are unable to make enough insulin or their body does not respond properly to the insulin it does make. This causes a build up of glucose in the blood, which can lead to serious medical problems.

Long-term hyperglycaemia can lead to heart disease, blindness, kidney damage, poor blood circulation and gangrene. Signs of hyperglycaemia may include:

- tiredness or lack of energy
- headache
- thirst
- passing large amounts of urine
- blurred vision.

DIAFORMIN VIATRIS is used to control blood glucose (the amount of sugar in the blood) in people with diabetes mellitus. DIAFORMIN VIATRIS can be used in type 2 diabetes in adults and children over 10 years of age. It is especially useful in those who are overweight, when diet and exercise are not enough to lower high blood glucose levels (hyperglycaemia). For adult patients, metformin can be used alone, or in combination with other oral diabetic medicines or in combination with insulin in insulin requiring type 2 diabetes.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why DIAFORMIN VIATRIS has been prescribed for you.

Your doctor may have prescribed DIAFORMIN VIATRIS for another reason.